



College Advising

10th Grade Parent Orientation

- Handouts: “AHS College Advising Curriculum,” “The Criteria Colleges Use To Make Admissions Decisions,” and “What to Consider When Choosing a College”
- What does College Advising look like at AHS?
- AHS College Advising Curriculum
- “Basecamp”: 10th Grade College Planning Timeline
- Parent & Student Expectations
- How you can support your student
- How you can stay informed about college advising
- Who to contact with questions
- Important Dates
- Questions?

What Does College Advising Look Like at AHS?

Sophomores will understand:

- Standardized test preparation strategies
- Taking notes, prioritizing tasks, and study skills
- College entrance requirements
- The importance of their academic record and transcript
- AHS graduation requirements
- LINK internship requirements and opportunities

What Does College Advising Look Like at AHS? (continued)

Sophomores will develop:

- College readiness skills of time management, study skills, and project refinement
- A refined and professional AHS digital portfolio and resume
- Revised Individual Career and Academic Plan on the College in Colorado website

What Does College Advising Look Like at AHS? (continued)

Sophomores will explore:

- Summer enrichment activities
- Opportunities for school and community service
- Personality and career interest inventories through the College in Colorado website
- A college admissions testing plan
- LINK internship opportunities and requirements
- College options

What Does College Advising Look Like at AHS? (continued)

Implementation:

- Four sessions of college advising in humanities classes including ICAP update, career and interest surveys, plan of study, and transcript review.
- Attend an individual meeting with the college advisor. Parents are welcome.

“Basecamp”: 10th Grade College Planning Timeline

FALL

- Work to your academic potential in your classes and challenge yourself intellectually
- If you are struggling in a class, attend extra help sessions or find a tutor.
- Attend college fairs
- Attend mandatory AHS Underclassman College Night
- Register to take the PSAT (optional)
- Research colleges
- Stay involved with extracurricular activities both inside and outside of school

“Basecamp”: 10th Grade College Planning Timeline

SPRING

- Continue to work hard in your classes and earn good grades
- Refine AHS Digital Portfolio
- Update resume
- Visit colleges
- Continue the college dialogue with your family
- Stay involved! Look into summer jobs, enrichment and volunteer activities
- Meet with AHS college advisor
- Attend college fairs
- Meet with LINK Director to discuss internship opportunities
- Read, read, read!

Parent/Guardian Expectations

- Attend AHS College Information Nights and read AHS college newsletters.
- Attend meetings with AHS College Advisors.
- Encourage your student to explore a variety of options when selecting colleges or universities.
- Participate in some of the college, scholarship, and financial aid research with your son/daughter
- Listen and offer advice to your son/daughter throughout the college admissions and decision-making process: ask good questions and let your child supply the answers.
- Ask questions during the college application process including admissions representatives, financial aid advisors, and other personnel involved in the college application process.

Student Expectations

- Actively participate in AHS College Advising Curriculum and attend college information nights.
- Attend scheduled meetings with AHS College Advisors.
- Engage in thoughtful, honest reflection and analysis of your aspirations, hopes, goals, strengths and weaknesses and apply this knowledge to your advantage in the application process.
- Advocate for yourself and seek help when needed for completing applications, writing essays and securing recommendations.
- Research to find and apply to colleges that seem to be a “good fit” for you.
- Stay organized and meet the deadlines for admissions, scholarships and tests.

How can I support my student?

- Believe in your child's abilities.
- Take an interest in what your child is studying.
- Help your student remain focused on school.
- The courses your student takes and the grades earned now have a huge impact on college options.
- Create a quiet place for your child to study.
- Talk about extracurricular activities. Getting involved in clubs and other groups is a great way for your child to identify interests and feel more engaged in school.
- Start early when researching financial aid and scholarships.
- Visit a college campus together. It's a great way to get your child excited about college.

How do I stay informed?

- Read College Advising newsletters, emails and the weekly blast.
- Attend AHS College Nights
- Visit the AHS College Advising Website at www.ahscollegecareerdepartment.webs.com
- Contact Elaine Ehlers and Rachael Sands with questions.

Who do I contact if I have questions?

Questions regarding College Admissions?

- Contact Rachael Sands, College Advising 9-11th grade
rachaelsands.ahs@gmail.com
- Contact Elaine Ehlers, College Advising 11th-12th grade
elaine.ehlers@animashighschool.com

Questions regarding testing?

- Contact Jennifer Snead, Testing Coordinator
jennifer.snead@animashighschool.com

Questions regarding transcripts and scheduling?

- Contact Maureen Truax, Registrar
maureen.truax@animashighschool.com

Visit AHS College Advising Website

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Upcoming College Events

- Sept. 10 Day/Night College Fair @ FLC from 6pm-7:30pm
- Sept. 12 Peter Van Buskirk: The Admissions Game, TBD
- Sept. 25: How to Pay for College @ AHS from 6pm-7pm
- AHS College Information Nights: TBA
- Oct. 5 Denver NACAC College Fair @ Colorado Convention Center from 1pm- 4 pm
- Oct. 6: 2013 Colorado Western Slope College Fair @ Aspen High School from 11am- 2 pm

For more information, please visit the calendar on www.ahscollegecareerdepartment.webs.com

College Acceptances 2013



Thank you!
Questions?

American Musical and Dramatic Academy, American University, Amherst College, Arizona State University, Ashworth College, Augustana College, Baylor University, Beloit College, Brown University, Carnegie-Mellon University, Chapman University, Claremont-McKenna College, Colorado College, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State University, Cornell College, Cottey College, Embry-Riddle University, Emerson College, Evergreen College, Finlandia University, Fort Lewis College, Franklin College, Gonzaga University, Gustavus College, Harvey Mudd College, Humboldt State University, Ithaca College, Kenyon College, Knox College, Lehigh University, Lewis and Clark College, Marian College, Metropolitan State, Middlebury College, Montana State University, Mt. Holyoke College, Northern Arizona University, Occidental College, Prescott College, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, San Bernardino Valley College, San Juan College, Sierra Nevada College, Skidmore College, St. Michael's College, St. Olaf College, Stanford University, Tulane University, Univ. of Calif.-Berkley, Univ. of Calif.-Santa Barbara, Univ. of Calif.-San Diego Univ. of Colorado-Boulder, Univ. of Colorado-Colorado Springs, Univ. of Denver, University of Montana, University of Oregon, University of Portland, University of Puget Sound, University of Richmond, University of Tulsa, Western Washington University, Whitman College