



# College Advising: 9<sup>th</sup> 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
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade College Planning Timeline “Gearing Up”
- Parent & Student Expectations
- How you can support your student
- How you can stay informed about college advising
- Who to contact with questions
- Important Dates
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# What Does College Advising Look Like at AHS?

## Freshmen will understand:

- How to be successful in high school
- The importance of their academic record and their transcript
- AHS graduation requirements
- College entrance requirements
- LINK requirements

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

## Freshmen will develop:

- An active College in Colorado account for college and career exploration.
- Successful study habits and organizational skills.
- An ICAP (Individual Career and Academic Plan) using College in Colorado to assist in college and career exploration and post-secondary goal setting.

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

## Freshmen will explore:

- Summer enrichment activities
- Opportunities for school and community service
- Career interests
- An individual standardized test plan

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

## Implementation:

- Four sessions of college advising in humanities classes including College in Colorado account creation, ICAP creation, plan of study, college survey, and transcript review.
- One individual meeting with the college advisor. Parents are invited to attend.
- Mandatory attendance of AHS Underclassman College Night in the Fall.

# “Gearing Up”: 9<sup>th</sup> Grade College Planning Timeline

## Your student should:

- Work to his/her academic potential and challenge him/herself intellectually
- Explore extracurricular activities both inside and outside of school
- Plan enriching summer activities
- Create a resume
- Attend an individual meeting with the AHS college advisor to understand the college admissions process and explore post-secondary goals
- Begin a dialogue with you about college
- Attend college fairs
- Attend mandatory AHS Underclassman College Night
- Create a professional AHS Digital Portfolio
- Visit a college campus
- 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.
- Allow your son/daughter to complete the applications with your support.
- Keep AHS informed of any information that affects post-graduate plans.
- 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 and his other homework.
- Help your child remain focused on school.
- The courses your child takes and the grades he or she earns now have a huge impact on what your child can do after high school.
- 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:  
[www.ahscollegecareerdepartment.webs.com](http://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 9-11<sup>th</sup> grade  
[rachaelsands.ahs@gmail.com](mailto:rachaelsands.ahs@gmail.com)
- Contact Elaine Ehlers, College Advising 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade  
[elaine.ehlers@animashighschool.com](mailto:elaine.ehlers@animashighschool.com)

## Questions regarding testing?

- Contact Jennifer Snead, Testing Coordinator  
[jennifer.snead@animashighschool.com](mailto:jennifer.snead@animashighschool.com)

## Questions regarding transcripts and scheduling?

- Contact Maureen Truax, Registrar  
[maureen.truax@animashighschool.com](mailto: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](http://www.ahscollegecareerdepartment.webs.com)

# College Acceptances 2013



## Thank you!

I will be available to answer your questions at the end of the program.

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