

COLLEGE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW



2023–2024



DEPARTMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the CCHS College Counseling Department is to develop supportive relationships with students and parents in order to help them navigate the college search, application, and enrollment process. We do this by equipping families with age-appropriate college and career readiness tools and by providing counsel that focuses on the discovery of each student's unique God-given abilities with the goal of finding their best-fit options for life after high school.

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SIGNATURE COLLEGE COUNSELING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 15	Christian College Fair	JANUARY 30	Freshmen-Sophomore Parent Conversation with Counselors
SEPTEMBER 18	Senior Parent Seminar Series Part 1: The College Application	FEBRUARY 21	Junior/Sophomore College Exposure Trip 1
SEPTEMBER 21-24	Liberty University College For A Weekend (CFAW) Exposure Trip	MARCH 27	Junior/Sophomore College Exposure Trip 2
OCTOBER 10	Senior Parent Seminar Series Part 2: Financial Aid	APRIL 3–19	Course Advising: Various opportunities available for current and new families
NOVEMBER 15	Senior College Exposure Trip to University of South Florida	APRIL 29	Senior Year Gear Up for Junior Parents
JANUARY 18	College Counseling Preview Night for Prospective Families	MAY 1	Senior Celebration Event

CCHS COLLEGE COUNSELING PROGRAM CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

GRADE 9

Transition & Self-Discovery

Students receive three-to-four in-classroom group lessons from College Counseling. Individual meetings are available from March through mid-May for students/parents ready to engage early.

ACCLIMATION TO CCHS CULTURE

Academically, Socially, Spiritually

DISCOVERY OF GIFTS, TALENTS, PASSIONS

Through the classroom, athletics, fine arts, & community service

GRADE 10

Self-Awareness & College Research

Students receive two-to-three in-classroom group lessons from College Counseling. Individual meetings are available from January through mid-May.

APPLICATION OF SELF-KNOWLEDGE

To extracurriculars, activities, & community service

APPLICATION OF SELF-AWARENESS

To academic course rigor and standardized testing

BEGIN COLLEGE RESEARCH & EXPOSURE

Based on best fit (campus visits, college fairs)

GRADE 11

College Exploration & Planning

Students receive four in-classroom group lessons from College Counseling. Individual meetings are available from November through mid-May and are strongly encouraged.

STRATEGIC COLLEGE CAMPUS VISITS

To inform final list

ASSESSMENT OF ACADEMIC & FINANCIAL MATCH

Factors for college admission

FINALIZE APPLICATION "SHORT LIST"

GRADE 12

College Application & Enrollment

Students receive two in-classroom group lessons from College Counseling. Individual meetings are available beginning in mid-August through mid-May and are strongly encouraged.

STUDENT ENGAGED

In the application & financial aid process

ABILITY TO MAKE FINAL ENROLLMENT DECISION

Based on best fit factors

SUCCESSFUL TRANSITION TO COLLEGE

CCHS COLLEGE COUNSELING ESSENTIAL CORE VALUES

• Gospel-Centered Counseling

We give counsel from an eternal vantage point so that students understand they are uniquely designed by God for a purpose and that their skills and abilities are best utilized when they align their future with God's will.

• Transformative College Counseling

We desire to provide accurate information and well-researched advice in order to see students follow God's best for their lives.

• Impactful College Counseling

We encourage students to become aware of and celebrate all of the opportunities ahead of them and steward their gifts and abilities appropriately.

• Collaborative College Counseling

We eagerly partner with our parents and students in the college-going educational process. Our goal is to equip families with the tools, resources, and support they need to confidently and successfully navigate the student's individual post-secondary education plans.

• Results-Oriented College Counseling

We expect 100% of our senior class to be accepted into at least one of their best-fit colleges/universities and persist in their post-secondary journey because they navigated the best-fit college approach well.