



NYC iSchool

Support in the College Process

Grade	What We're Doing at the iSchool	What Parents/Guardians Can Do/Ask:
9th Grade	Advisory Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time management • Developing Character • Identifying Your Values • Developing Grit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help your child develop organizational, time management, and advocacy skills. • Encourage students to attend office hours and develop relationships with teachers and their advisor.
10th Grade	Advisory Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personality Assessment • Graduation Requirements and Your Credits • Career Interest Inventory • What are your Passions? • The Common Application: A Preview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talk to your child about their interests and favorite classes. Instead of saying "what do you want to major in," ask what they are most curious about and interested in. • Help your child find extracurricular activities that they enjoy. This is a great time to try new things!
11th Grade	Advisory Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Utilizing College Rep Visits to the iSchool • SAT v. ACT Practice Exams • Structuring Your Time • The Extracurricular Advantage • Preparing for and Requesting Letters of Recommendation • Creating a Well-Balanced College List • Signing Up for Standardized Testing • Career Readiness Unit (Q3) - Includes Resume Building and Mock Interviews • The Senior Perspective Junior Family College Night (April) Spring Student Workshops w/Ms. Beck <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conducting college searches, Understanding College Majors, College Essays, Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Letters of Recommendation Individual Family Planning Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help your child compare results from the fall practice SAT and practice ACT (in schools exams) • Ensure your child prepares for and takes a standardized test in the spring (SAT or ACT). • Help your child develop an organization system for college materials. • Attend college fairs with your child. • Visit colleges with your child. Try to go while the college is in session. Many schools offer virtual tours if the distance is too far. • Help your child reflect on their skills and experiences for their resumes (Q3). • Help your child frame their idea of what is a best fit college- large/small, city/suburban, etc. This will help them develop a preliminary list. • Educate yourself about colleges & the financial aid process. Review FAFSA4caster and Net Price Calculators. • Attend Junior Family College Night at the iSchool and your family meeting. • Read college newsletters thoroughly. • Make sure your child is in the "driver's seat".
12th Grade	Advisory and College Workshops/Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support- all aspects of application process • Transition to College (Q4) Financial Aid Events- Fall & Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete aid forms: FAFSA, TAP and CSS Profile. • Attend financial aid events @the iSchool (2) • Help maintain schedules re: application deadlines. • Help your child arrange campus visits & interviews

Every year:

- **Support your child in earning the strongest grades they can** (via organization, study habits, advocacy, etc.). Grades are the number one factor that colleges look at.
- **Focus on "best fit" colleges** as opposed to brand name colleges.
- **Be a calming influence:** The college search is a multi-year process, with moments of high stress and self-doubt. Kids are used to this. Be empathetic and encourage your child to take things one step at a time.
- **Fill out the school lunch form**, even if you don't qualify for free/reduced lunch.
- **Attend your child's Student-Led Conferences.**