

COLLEGE COUNSELING TIMELINES: PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

MIDDLE SCHOOL

1. Think ahead about your curriculum plan for all four years of the Upper School. Take English, math, science, history, and world language classes; if appropriate and recommended by the school, take honors courses.
2. Pursue 2-3 **extracurricular activities** that you enjoy; also pursue those out-of-school activities that are important to you (scouts, volunteer work, community service, dance, piano, etc.)
3. Become involved in **leadership roles** in your activities; take advantage of leadership opportunities available to you.
4. Begin to familiarize yourself with general college requirements. Check out college websites.
5. **Work hard** in all of your classes! **Read more** - this will improve your standardized test scores!
6. Make good use of your summer; get a job, go to camp or work as a camp counselor, travel, attend a summer program, etc. Make use of family trips to take a first look at colleges.
7. **Parents:** begin **financial planning** for college now! Don't wait! Investigate college costs, savings plans, etc., and begin saving now if you haven't already.
8. As you begin to have questions about college planning, see Ms. Brewer or Mrs. Crawford in the College Guidance Office for information and advice.