

Guidance and Counseling

Academic and College Counseling

Counselors assist students in selecting appropriate course schedules and in completing graduation requirements. In the freshman and sophomore years, counselors help students form and strengthen study habits and study skills. In junior and senior years, counselors assist students in researching and organizing their college goals. All students are encouraged to meet regularly with their guidance counselor regarding any particular academic problems they are encountering or about their college choices.

Parents and students may see a counselor by arranging an appointment or, if the counselor is free, on a "drop-in" basis. The counselor will make every effort to serve the needs of students and parents as soon as possible.

Some examples of specific concerns that the guidance and counseling department can assist students and parents with are:

1. Academic difficulties
2. Graduation requirements
3. School scheduling
4. College applications and materials
5. Financial aid and scholarships
6. Educational testing information (SAT, ACT, AP, etc.)
7. Parent Education Nights
8. Support for students with learning differences
9. Referral information for outside resources

Social/Personal Counseling

Each student is encouraged to talk to a counselor about any school-related or personal concerns, especially if they feel these personal/social issues are affecting their academic progress. Students who need on-going treatment are referred to outside therapists or support agencies.

Parents are encouraged to contact the counseling department with any problems and concerns they have regarding their child. Calls will be returned as promptly as possible. When appropriate, a student's teachers will be gathered to discuss the student's progress, issues and concerns.

The Parent Education Coordinator offers a series of presentations and talks throughout the