



# MEETING WITH COLLEGE COUNSELORS

**Meeting with your college counselor can be one of the first steps on the road to success in higher education.**

## **Why should I meet with a college counselor?**

College counselors are excellent resources providing guidance and assistance for your post-secondary options. They can help you identify your interests and develop academics and personal goals. They are knowledgeable about college requirements, college admissions, admission tests, and financial aid. College counselors can help you plan your schedule in high school, identify when you should take admission tests, provide assistance with applying for colleges and financial aid, and much more.

## **When should I meet with a college counselor?**

You can start meeting with your counselor as early as your freshman year. It is highly recommended that you continue meeting with your college counselor throughout your high school year.

## **What questions should I ask?**

Before meeting with your college counselor think about what you want to accomplish. Here are some questions that you may want to ask:

- What courses should I take to meet both graduation and college requirements?
- Do you have any information that will help me explore my interests and possible career options?
- What is the PSAT? When should I take it? Is it offered at our school?
- Are there any workshops that provide information about college planning or college entrance exams?
- Which admission tests are required for the college I want to attend (i.e., SAT/ACT) and how do I start preparing? When and where are the practice tests available? Is there a fee?
- When and where are the college fairs?
- Can I do online college searches at my school?
- What types of financial aid options are available?
- How do I get more information about them?

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