LAUNCHING A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT

COLLEGE COUNSELING

UPPER SCHOOL • GRADES 9–12
Saddle River Day School transforms students’ lives daily. Individualized attention ensures that each student builds upon their strengths, overcomes challenges, and grows in confidence. In the Upper School, our unparalleled college counseling program focuses students on making college decisions that will shape successful futures.

A college preparatory education designed to provide a strong academic foundation and entrepreneurial mindset.

TWO DEDICATED COLLEGE COUNSELORS BEGINNING IN GRADE 9

Encouragement to take intellectual risks that lead to deeper understanding and creative insights.

ESSAY WRITING AND INTERVIEW WORKSHOPS
PERSONALIZED COLLEGE COUNSELING FOR EVERY STUDENT

Beginning in ninth grade, our program emphasizes college readiness, goal setting and planning. We work closely with students in the classroom and individually to develop a personalized, four-year academic plan and to identify their skills and interests.

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE HIGHLIGHTS
Students use advanced research tools and explore how their aptitudes translate into majors and careers.

- Learn to use SCOIR college search platform.
- Take YouScience interest and aptitude survey for career exploration.
- Attend Sophomore College Night, weekly workshops with Assistant Director of College Counseling, and virtual college tours.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGHLIGHTS
Students work with counselors to set goals, research and apply to colleges. The Director of College Counseling schedules family one-on-one meetings as well as small group weekly workshops.

- One-on-one college counseling, plus weekly workshops
- 100+ colleges and universities visit campus
- Personalized list of recommended colleges
- “Get Your Application Done” weekend

A UNIQUE ADMISSIONS STRATEGY
In today’s competitive college admissions, students need to shine. Drawing on years of experience, the college counseling team advises students on how to best curate an admissions application that showcases interests, talents and accomplishments—increasing the likelihood of admission to a first-choice school.

FINDING THE RIGHT FIT
We work directly with SRDS students to identify schools that align with their goals. We also evaluate how closely a student matches admissions criteria and whether the colleges fit a student’s preferences in size, location and setting.

EMPOWERED FOR FUTURE SUCCESS
SRDS seniors are admitted to their first-choice colleges and enroll at institutions such as:

- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bucknell University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Colgate University
- Columbia University
- Emory University
- Fordham University
- Georgetown University
- The George Washington University
- Haverford College
- Indiana University at Bloomington
- Ithaca College
- Lehigh University
- Middlebury College
- New York University
- Northwestern University
- Stanford University
- Syracuse University
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of Miami
- University of Michigan
- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- University of Notre Dame
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Virginia
- Villanova University
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University in St. Louis

Applying to colleges was a seamless experience for me because of individualized attention at SRDS. At Tufts University, I double majored in computer science and cognitive brain science, with a minor in studio art. I now work in the Research Technology Department at Morgan Stanley, where I combine my technical skills with creativity and innovation. I am forever grateful for the foundation that SRDS provided for me to be a multifaceted leader.

ANAHITA SETHI ‘16

The SRDS Gateway Diploma option offers students who have already found their passions the opportunity to design and implement an advanced study program. As they complete career-focused academic tracks, students also pursue hands-on, on-site learning. Working with faculty and career-field mentors, students develop scholarly papers as part of a strong portfolio of accomplishments.
A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE STARTS AT SRDS

"College counseling at SRDS pushed our son to think about his potential future—even beyond college—and what he could do to help realize his goals. SRDS’ approach made him take ownership of the thought process. The result was his interest in activities and leadership roles that shaped his college opportunities."

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