

During the fall semester, within the first two weeks of Senior Seminar, Seniors will begin scheduling their first Senior Advising Appointment with their College Counselor.

At YES Prep, our College Counselors believe that students come into advising at different stages in the process of exploring their college options; therefore, we provide differentiated and individualized advising. YES Prep prioritizes individual advising for all students so that all families and students can confidently express and execute a post-secondary plan that suits their individual values.

This guide exists to preview topics your son or daughter will be discussing in their first meeting with their College Counselor. We believe you, as a family, are the number one most significant influence on your son or daughter's college aspirations and decisions. We hope you will explore these conversations with your son or daughter and consider you will want to discuss with their college counselor when you have the opportunity to meet with them as a family this fall.

Senior Advising Topics

The following are topics your son or daughter will want to reflect on and be ready to discuss ahead of their first Advising appointment:

- ☑ **Reflect on your Junior Year?** How did you feel about your GPA or SAT Scores? How has your junior year shaped your goals for this School Year?
- ☑ **What did you do over the Summer?** Did you participate in any student opportunities? Did you work? Do you have any stories from the summer that may be part of your College Essays or you need to add to your resume?
- ☑ **What goals do you have for your Senior Year?** What is important for you this school year? Are you going to be involved in anything this year that you are excited about? (*ex. like a club or on a sports team*)
- ☑ **What is your plan?** What is your plan after graduation? What post-secondary pathway are you looking at colleges are currently on your college list?
- ☑ **What colleges are on your college list?** Has your College list changed since the end of Junior Seminar? What fit factors are more important for you when evaluating colleges?
- ☑ **What concerns or worries do you have for this school year?**

College Application Milestones

August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update your college list • Work on application components (Essays, Resumes, etc.)
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize your college list • Prepare for SAT School Day or to take the TSIA • Seniors Prepare to Submit First College Application
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAT School Day / TSIA Test Day • YES Prep College Fair • Students submit first college application • Students may attend College Preview or Fly-In Programs
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Admission, Early Decision, Priority Admission Deadlines • Students submit all Applications before Thanksgiving • Prepare to complete FAFSA / TASFA as a Family
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply for State or Federal Aid (FAFSA or TASFA) as a family • Student apply for 3rd party / outside Scholarships