

At YES Prep, we are committed to our mission to empower all Houston students to succeed in college and to pursue lives of opportunity. We live out our mission through each student having access to a College Counselor and receiving 1-on-1 college counseling throughout their junior and senior years.

One of our counselors' most important counseling conversations is the **Senior Decision Meeting**, which take place as we approach the end of your child's senior year.

For our parents and families, your engagement in the Decision Meeting is Key! Research shows that families are the #1 influencer in what a senior decides to do after high school. The decision about your child's plans for after they graduate is not just your child's choice but yours. Your school will be reaching out to seniors and their families about the process for scheduling these Senior Decision meetings. Please be on the lookout for these invitations.

What happens at a Senior Decision Meeting?

During a Senior Decision Meeting, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's college counselor and other members of our College Initiatives team, like our Alumni Transition Specialists.

During this conversation, our counselors will discuss two primary points:

Plans for Fall

Your child will get to share where they want to go to college, or if they don't plan to go to college immediately after high school, what their plan is for the next year after graduation.

Affordability

Your child's college counselor will review their financial aid award letter analyzer with you to ensure you have a clear understanding of the financial implications of their college choice.

How to Prepare for the Senior Decision Meeting?

- Ask your child if they have logged the results of all their applications in Naviance.
 - If you haven't had a chance to talk through some of the decisions letters with your child, ask your child to show you their Naviance account and walk you through each application result/decision to make sure you are up to date.
- If you haven't talk to your child about them recently, ask your child what their top choices are.
 - If you have any concerns about your student's top choice college, write out those concerns so you can discuss them with your child's college counselor during the Senior Decision Meeting.
 - If they say they don't plan to go to college, ask them to go over their transition plan with you. Each senior develops a transition plan during Senior Seminar.
- Ask your child if they have completed the financial aid **Award Letter Analyzer** in Senior Seminar for their top college options.
 - Ask your child to look at the Analyzer. If you have any specific questions or concerns, you can ensure they are addressed during the decision meeting.

Decision Meeting Resource Sheet

Senior Reflection on Plan

The two choices I am considering most right now are: (What are the top two options? Why?)

Specific Plan	Reasons for Each

Award Letter Analyzer

Summarize the results of your [Award Letter Analyzer](#) here:

	College 1	College 2	College 3
Total Direct Costs			
Estimated Bill			
Net Costs			
Estimated Monthly Student Loan Payment after Graduation			

Parent Reflection on Plan

If you have any concerns about your student's top choice college or plan, write out those concerns so you can discuss them with your child's college counselor during the Senior Decision Meeting.

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