

The **SRDS Gateway Honors 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, deliver their research and defend their thesis on presentation night. This strong portfolio of accomplishments helps SRDS students stand out in the competitive college admissions process.



STUDENTS CHOOSE FROM 30+ AP AND POST-AP COLLEGE-LEVEL COURSES TO ENHANCE THEIR ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS.

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**. Students continue to meet weekly to hone in on their individual college journeys.

One-on-one college counseling, plus weekly workshops

Partnership with test prep companies for students who wish to take the SAT or ACT

Personalized list of recommended colleges

"Get Your Application Done" weekend

COLLEGE MATRICULATION

Seniors are admitted to their first-choice colleges and enroll at institutions such as:

- Boston College
- Boston University
- Bucknell University
- Clemson University
- Colgate University
- Columbia University
- Emory University
- Fordham University
- Georgetown University
- The George Washington University
- Howard University
- Indiana University at Bloomington
- Middlebury College
- New York University
- Northeastern University
- Northwestern University
- Princeton University
- Stanford University
- Syracuse University
- Tufts University
- United States Naval Academy
- 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 Southern California
- University of Virginia
- Villanova University
- Wake Forest University
- Washington University in St. Louis
- Wesleyan University
- West Point

EMPOWERED FOR FUTURE SUCCESS

SRDS graduates are ready to conquer the academic and personal challenges ahead. Our students are accepted at highly competitive colleges and universities nationwide, and many go on to pursue advanced degrees. Our alumni include leaders and successful professionals who enjoy satisfying careers in many prestigious fields.

JORDAN JANOWSKI '20, NYU '24

Jordan majored in biochemistry in college, attracting the attention of graduate schools with her undergraduate research in NYU's Structural DNA Nanotechnology Lab.

She was also a starting point guard on the women's basketball team, competing in the Final Four her senior year. Jordan has worked with leaders in the field on projects that use DNA as a building material, and is now pursuing a doctoral degree at Scripps Research in California.



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.

Beginning mid sophomore year, all students have a weekly college counseling seminar with the Associate Director of College Counseling built into their schedule.



A UNIQUE ADMISSIONS STRATEGY

Competitive college admissions is ever-changing. Drawing on years of experience, in addition to adapting to changing trends and the evolving admission landscape, the college counseling team advises students on how to **best optimize their application strategies** by showcasing academic accomplishments, interests and talents. This increases the likelihood of admission to a student's first choice.

FINDING THE RIGHT FIT

We work directly with 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.

AN EDUCATION THAT INSPIRES

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 FULL-TIME COLLEGE COUNSELORS BEGINNING IN GRADE 9



ESSAY WRITING AND INTERVIEW WORKSHOPS

ANNUAL FALL VISITS FROM COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES



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

A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE STARTS AT SRDS

"College counseling at SRDS pushed our children to think about their potential futures—even beyond college—and what they could do to help realize their goals. SRDS' approach made them take ownership of the thought process. The result was their interest in activities and leadership roles that shaped their college opportunities."

STEPHEN SAVAS P'20, P'23



KAREN FERRETTI
Director of College Counseling
B.A., Wittenberg University
M.S., Syracuse University

Former Positions:
Dir. of College Counseling, Newark Academy
Sr. Asst. Dir. of Admissions, Drew University
Asst. Dir. of Admissions and Financial Aid, Syracuse University
Assoc. Dir. of College Counseling, Kent Place School

JACQUELINE WILLIAMS
Associate Director of College Counseling
B.A., Muhlenberg College
M.P.A., New York University

Former Positions:
College Guidance Counselor, Ma'ayanot Yeshiva High School for Girls
Dean of Undergraduate Admission, Stevens Institute of Technology
Dir. of Undergraduate Admission, College of Mount Saint Vincent
Assoc. Dir. of Undergraduate Admissions, New York University

To learn more or to schedule a visit, please contact the Office of Admissions at 201-327-4050.

SADDLERIVERDAY.ORG

SADDLE RIVER DAY SCHOOL

LAUNCHING A LIFETIME OF ACHIEVEMENT



UPPER SCHOOL · GRADES 9–12

COLLEGE COUNSELING