# LCDS College Counseling: the Path to Success

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COLLEGE MATCH

## GRADE 9

8TH GRADE SUMMER → 8TH GRADE SUMMER → 9TH GRADE SUMMER

**Track your interests and resume**

*Explore academic, extracurricular, and athletic interests and read*

*Build relationships with teachers and advisors*

*Do your best in your classes*

## GRADE 10

9TH GRADE SUMMER → 9TH GRADE SUMMER → 10TH GRADE SUMMER

*Continue to explore interests*

*Consider attending a summer camp or program*

*Volunteer, intern, or pursue paid employment*

*Continue to do your best in your classes and build relationships*

**Attend 10th grade parent night**

*Take October PreACT*

**Attend NCAA info session**

*Complete 10th grade questionnaire*

*Attend LCDS college fair*

## GRADE 11

10TH GRADE SUMMER → 10TH GRADE SUMMER → 11TH GRADE SUMMER

*Stay in touch with your college counselor*

*Ask two teachers for a letter of recommendation*

**Visit colleges during school breaks (interview if possible)**

*Research and visit colleges*

*Begin working with assigned college counselor*

*Complete 11th grade questionnaire*

*Create testing plan - Winter or Spring SAT and/or ACT*

*Take October PSAT*

**Attend 11th grade parent night**

*Attend college rep visits*

*Continue to do your best in your classes and build relationships*

*Volunteer, intern, or pursue paid employment*

*Consider attending a summer camp or program*

**Visit Colleges**

## GRADE 12

11TH GRADE SUMMER → 11TH GRADE SUMMER → 11TH GRADE SUMMER → 11TH GRADE SUMMER → 11TH GRADE SUMMER → 11TH GRADE SUMMER

**Attend financial aid workshop**

**Shape student college list**

**Attend junior "kickoff" meetings**

**Complete Parent Brag Sheet**

*Attend LCDS Summer workshops*

**Finalize college visits**

*Create college application list*

*Work on college applications*

*Volunteer, intern, or pursue paid employment*

*Consider attending a summer camp or program*

**Receive admission decisions by first week of April**

*Submit regular decision applications*

*Submit early action/early decision applications*

*Attend college rep visits*

*Complete Common Application*

**Make decision and enroll at college of choice**

**Overnight visits and follow up visits at top choices**

**Apply for financial aid**

*Take Fall SAT/ACT, if needed*

**Attend college night for senior parents**

**Continue to work with your college counselor**

LANCASTER COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

*Italics = Student*

***Bold Italic = Parent(s)***

**Bold = Student & Family**