

May 2022 High School Guidance Update: The Pivotal Role of School Counselors

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Introduction

- The work of the team this year.
- Addressing the challenges facing our community.
- Changes in the works for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Professional learning for staff and supporting new counselors.
- Looking ahead to longer term trends and questions.

AHS Vision

Building on a tradition of academic excellence and success for every student, we cultivate passionate learners and informed global citizens who actively influence their world.

-Ardsley High School

School Counselors

What we do

SERVICE PROVIDER:
ACADEMIC, SOCIAL
EMOTIONAL AND CAREER
GUIDANCE, POST HIGH
SCHOOL PLANNING

Why we do
what we
do

AMBASSADOR FOR
AHS & INDIVIDUAL
COUNSELEES

How we do
what we
do

STUDENT ADVOCATE,
CASE MANAGER, LIAISON
TO FAMILIES, FACULTY &
STAFF

Our Role as School Counselors

- Collaborate within the Counseling department.
- Provide core experiences to all students and families.
- Continue to communicate with families, students, and faculty/staff.
- Maintain connections with college reps and adapt to the changing landscape of college admissions.
- Provide a Counseling Calendar of activities for high school students.

What to Expect From the Counselors

- Timely Communication regarding specific events for each grade level.
- Continuous review of data to assess our counseling program.
- Update Counseling Department website.
- Continue to develop materials and resources for College Planning.
- Ensuring the continued development and adaptation of our Comprehensive Counseling Plan

	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Semester 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Intro to Guidance ●9th Grade Parent Night ●DBT Skills Push-Ins ●Individual meetings throughout the year ●Drug Prevention Lessons ●Mental Health lessons ●Intro Meetings with 8th Grade (Rising 9th Grade) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Sophomore Parent night ●Sophomore Intro Meetings ●Progress Meetings ●How to Handle Sophomore Year and Planning for the Future (AP/Electives/BOCES) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●PSAT ●SAT/ACT Conversations ●Junior Parent Meeting ●Group College Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Senior Push-Ins ●FAFSA Night ●Individual College Meetings ●Senior Parent Night ●Continual Coordination of College Materials and Application ●Family Meetings ●College Representatives Meetings
Semester 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●8th Grade Parent Night ●Individual scheduling meetings ●Progress Report Meetings ●Report Card Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●BOCES Introduction Meeting ●Naviance Introduction and Career Interest Inventory ●Report Card Meetings ●Individual Scheduling Meetings ●Career Exploration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Individual College Planning ●Parents of Students with Learning Differences ●Scheduling ●Family Planning ●Junior Jump Start Meeting in ●Common App Jump Start meeting ●Coordinating College Reps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Mid-way check ins ●Continual coordination of college materials and applications ●Family Meetings ●Conversations/advocacy surrounding money, acceptances, deferrals, ect. ●Senior Exit Meetings ●Outreach to colleges for waitlisted students ●Parent Follow-Up: Understanding Financial Aid and Acceptances

Looking Ahead

- Important trends in high school pathways and option for students 9-12.
- Important trends in college admissions to share with the community.
- Keeping the guidance department and the faculty current with high school pathways and regional and national college admissions trends.
- Supporting our students and families throughout the college process.

Professional Growth Activities

- Travel to visit colleges and attend conferences.
- Return to college rep visits.
- Researching and enrolling in continuing education opportunities to remain current.

Q&A

Thank You!