



Why Enroll Now?! NOW IS THE BEST TIME!!

8th grade

- Good grades in 8th grade set the stage for the opportunity to be chosen for Honors/AP Classes in high school. University Admissions Officers look for students who challenge themselves academically with Honors/AP Classes. Grades in 8th grade can often be a prerequisite to getting into Honors classes in high school.
- Beginning your career exploration in 8th grade will help you become more confident about what you want to study in college. Students who begin thinking about careers in 8th grade tend to be more confident about their future.
- 8th grade is when students get assigned high school classes. Identifying colleges now arms student with a list of classes needed for 9th grade and each year thereafter.

9th grade

- Students who have vision and understanding of their potential college majors and college requirements can do better in school and tend to have less stress about the college admissions process.
- An early understanding of the available merit aid requirements at prospective colleges gives a student tangible goals to work towards. This knowledge also helps students understand why they need to maintain the highest grades possible.

10th grade

- **Parents of 10th graders should educate themselves on the financial aid process so they understand the forms that will be completed and the importance of merit aid.**
- Universities take an interest in students who are interested in them. Our program can help students use early years to build relationships with colleges. This early visibility can also play a role in the competition for merit aid and admissions while helping students determine what schools fit them best.

11th grade:

- High achieving students who do well on the PSAT their junior year have a greater chance to become National Merit Scholars, to compete for significant amounts of merit aid from various colleges. Because of Covid-19, this may be the time to look at your preliminary college selections to see which ones, if any will require the SAT/ACT. This is an important topic to discuss with your Coaches.
- Most admissions requirements should be met by the end of the junior year. A student who already meets GPA, test scores and the majority of the required high school classes when they start their senior year are more likely to have a calmer application process, which can allow them to create a stronger strategy for meeting college admissions deadlines. Students who are among the first in line to apply when admissions open early in their senior year may have greater opportunity to secure their prospective major in a highly competitive field. First to apply can be first to get the classes.
- Eleventh grade is the perfect year to begin visiting colleges. We can talk to student about helpful tips to make the most out of the visits, whether in-person or virtual.