

## Yearly Programming

The PHSC department is available for individual appointments to address questions and concerns. Specific presentations for students and their parents include:

- College Application Processing Night (Fall)
- Special Education Choices Fair (Fall)
- Financial Aid Night (Fall)
- Assisting with New Trier's International Night Program (Fall)
- Junior Parent Night (Fall)
- Gap Year Fair (Winter)
- Sophomore Parent Information Night (Winter)
- Special Education Information Night (Winter)

## Summer Programming

New Trier's post-high school counselors work many weeks throughout the summer in order to assist students with their post-secondary planning. Finalizing a college list and beginning the work of the application and essays help promote a smooth transition to the demands of the senior year schedule. While the majority of programming is specifically for rising seniors, the summer evening seminars feature prominent guest speakers who discuss topics of interest to sophomore, junior, and senior students and parents. The following services and programs are offered each summer for rising seniors:

- Summer seminars
- Common Application completion workshops
- Essay seminars with actual essay prompts
- Individual review of essays by counselors
- Continuing individual counseling meetings
- Organization of the work required to apply

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*“College is a match  
to be made,  
and not a prize  
to be won.”*

## Philosophy

The post-secondary planning process is a major step in each student's independence, and it is the counselor's role to empower and help students become autonomous. This is a decision-making process through which students assess their strengths and preferences in order to make informed, well-deliberated choices.

## We believe that...

- The college search and application process is individual for each student.
- The process of investigating and researching options is an important step in a student's development.
- The student, parent, and counselor must work in collaboration together.
- Parents need to be supportive and be active listeners. Opinions can be extremely influential, both positively and negatively.
- Students need to take the most academically challenging and appropriate curriculum in light of their individual abilities and overall curricular and co-curricular obligations.
- Counselors help develop a suitable list of schools, assist with the tasks involved in applying and with making informed decisions, and help the student take ownership of the process.

## Services Offered

- Provide group guidance through adviser rooms beginning sophomore year
- Counsel all students with their course registration decisions
- Meet individually with juniors and their parents to generate a list of post-secondary options to investigate
- Develop a framework of schools that match the student's wishes and abilities
- Determine, organize, and assist with the tasks involved with the final list of schools, including completing applications, sending test scores, securing recommendations and writing and revising the essay
- Brainstorm and review application writing requirements
- Assist with special education transition to college
- Assist with the athletic recruiting process
- Write an individual letter of recommendation for each student
- Assist with scholarship and financial aid process
- Provide alternatives to college
- Help with decision making involved with the application and selection of post-secondary options

## Naviance/Family Connection

Family Connection by Naviance is a secure, web-based research tool designed for second-semester sophomores and for juniors and seniors. It offers the following features:

- College searches
- Summer enrichment programs
- Career exploration
- Resume building
- Scholarships
- Schedule of college visits to NT

You may access New Trier's Family Connection through the New Trier Student Services web page under "Students."

*"Post-high school counseling at New Trier is comprehensive. Parents and students are educated about course selection, standardized testing, and college options and applications. By senior year, students are ready to 'own' the process and parents are comfortable taking a step back."*

-parent of three New Trier students

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