



MANAGING COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Coffee with Counselors

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HOW INVOLVED SHOULD I BE IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

- **Sports Analogy:**
 - **Coach**: support and let them ask the questions. Offer suggestions, read their essays and offer suggestions but never write it for them.
 - **Cheerleader**: encouragement. Listen and support their decisions. Ask to help. Help pick up the pieces if things don't fall into place.
 - **Spectator**: be there for support. Willing to take a step back when asked by your student
 - **Dreaded Parent in the Stands**: criticize and refuse to listen. Believe you always know best

WHICH ROLE IS BEST?



MAKING A LIST-PLAN COLLEGE VISITS

- Plan college visits – this summer and the fall (MEA is NOT too late)
- Schedule an official visit
- Take notes
- [Minnesota Private College Week](#) – June 24-28, 2019
- [Colleges that Change Lives](#) – August – August 17, 2019
- CCC Visits in the fall – over 200 schools throughout 1st semester
- Shows demonstrated interest
- Lists are on Naviance and [counseling website](https://www.edinaschools.org/Page/1907) - <https://www.edinaschools.org/Page/1907>



HANDLING SENIOR YEAR

- Help your student break down the application process (recommend a calendar)
 - Early deadlines are Oct. 15, Nov. 1, Dec. 1st. (Application season runs from August-January)
 - Sept. and Oct ACT still provides opportunities for seniors
 - FAFSA opens October 1/check to see if colleges use CSS Profile
 - Local scholarship application in March
- Have your student apply to “not too many” 6-8 is a good number (places you can see them attending , only 1 or 2 “dream schools”, include a first admission school, and a Minnesota school)
- Use Naviance “Colleges I’m Thinking About” as an Organizer



TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE COMMON APPLICATION

- The Common Application is a standardized application used by 800 where over 1 million students use to submit over 5 million applications.
- Essay prompts are up and available for student to review and start processing.
- Know deadlines for each school
- Know requirements for each school
- Make sure you don't make grammatical errors



TIPS FOR YOUR ROLE IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS

- Have an open line of communication early and often
- *Encourage* your student to educate themselves about the pros and cons of each institution they may be considering
- *Encourage* your student to apply to school that align with their intended goals
- Have a conversation about finances, the cost of education and scholarships



QUESTIONS?