Talking to Your Counselor

12 for 12th graders



Regular, one-on-one conversations with a mentor will make all the difference as you plan for life after high school. Consider these questions and jot down a few notes before you meet with your counselor. You'll show up prepared for your next step.

Are you aware of any local scholarship opportunities you might be able to apply for?

Do you know kids who graduated from your school and went to college? What made them choose their schools? Have you connected with them to learn more?

Do you understand the forms and deadlines to apply for financial aid?

Do you know which teachers you'll ask for letters of recommendation, and how you can make it easy for them to help you?

Do you know how to get your test scores and transcripts to go along with your college applications?

What schools are you considering applying to, and what interests you about these colleges?

If you're not interested in college, what other options are you considering? What help do you need to get there?

Do you know if you qualify for fee waivers for your college applications?

Do you or your family need help filling out the FAFSA form?

Once you get accepted to the college you want to attend, what comes next? Do you know what you should be doing over the summer to get ready for your move?

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