



COLLEGE NOW



HIGH SCHOOL SERVICES

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College Now Greater Cleveland's comprehensive in-school advising programs are designed to support students in grades 9 through 12 in their journey toward postsecondary success. With a minimum commitment of 15 days at \$500 per day, our targeted services equip students with the academic, financial and professional skills they need to thrive in college and beyond. From exploring careers and developing study habits to mastering the college application process and applying for financial aid, our services provide the personalized guidance necessary for students to attain the postsecondary education they'll need to achieve their career goals.



CAREER EXPLORATION

We expose students to careers and help them dream big to determine their individual best-fit career. Next, we advise students on postsecondary education programs that can get them the credentials needed for their chosen careers.

ENTRANCE EXAM PREPARATION & REGISTRATION

Understanding college entrance exams like the **ACT** and **SAT** is essential, as they continue to play an important role in admissions and scholarship opportunities. We provide resources to help students prepare for these exams, including test-taking strategies to maximize their performance. Additionally, we assist with the registration process for national test dates, ensuring that fee waivers are applied when eligible.



COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

The financial cost of postsecondary education should not be a barrier for students to achieve their career goals. Starting with financial literacy lessons, we assist students and their parents/guardians in understanding and applying to financial aid, including the FAFSA. Once students are accepted to colleges, we help them compare award letters to understand and evaluate their offered financial aid packages.





SCHOLARSHIP SERVICES

We help students find and secure scholarships by guiding them to the best resources and search locations. Our support includes helping students write, edit and review scholarship essays to strengthen their applications. Additionally, we assist with applying for the scholarships College Now manages, ensuring students have the best chance to receive financial support.

EVENING PROGRAMS FOR FAMILIES

We offer a series of in-person evening programs and online webinars designed to support students and their families through every stage of the college preparation process. These events include **Senior Parent Night**, **Junior Parent Night**, **College Affordability Night**, **FAFSA Workshops** and the **Transition to College Program**. Each session provides valuable insights and personalized assistance to help families navigate the path to college successfully.



ADDITIONAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS

We also offer additional **FAFSA Workshops**, where a team of at least two advisors provides extended support in after-school or Saturday sessions. For a hands-on college experience, our **College and Career Visits** include a day trip with round-trip transportation and meals for up to 40 participants. To help students excel in their exams, our **ACT or SAT Bootcamps** deliver 16 hours of intensive, curriculum-driven test preparation for up to 25 students.

ADDITIONAL DATA, SYSTEM & RESEARCH SERVICES

We provide comprehensive support for National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) and Naviance services. Our **NSC Student Tracker Overview** includes up to one hour of review and explanation of NSC reports for district staff. For deeper insights, our **NSC Analysis** helps you examine student outcomes by analyzing raw data to determine the impact of school programs on postsecondary enrollment. We also offer **NSC Implementation or Assistance** for setting up accounts, troubleshooting file issues, and managing data uploads. Additionally, our **Naviance Implementation or Assistance** supports districts with technical issues, scope and sequence implementation and staff training.



COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS CURRICULAR WORKSHOPS

College Now's College and Career Readiness Curriculum is an engaging, hands-on series of workshops designed to prepare high school students for the postsecondary planning process, with topics ranging from academic readiness and goal setting to financial literacy and college applications. Workshop content is delivered in specified grade-levels based on best practice research and is revised annually to ensure content remains relevant and applicable to all intended audiences.

9TH GRADE

- Develop academic success skills like learning styles and time management
- Explore education levels, socioeconomic lifestyles and career clusters through budgeting, salary and job outlook
- Introduce high school academic concepts (GPA, curriculum) and college/career exploration vocabulary
- Establish growth mindset and SMART goal setting in academics and careers



10TH GRADE

- Understand the financial and social benefits of college completion
- Connect academic majors with colleges and careers
- Explore in-demand careers in Northeast Ohio
- Develop time management and effective study habits
- Gain financial literacy and budgeting skills
- Start the college search and understand admissions requirements
- Build hard and soft skills in and out of the classroom



11TH GRADE

- Start postsecondary planning with test prep, study skills and score review
- Develop a professional resume and communication skills
- Explore how personality influences career fit
- Discover online scholarship databases
- Compare college characteristics in the search process
- Learn key financial aid terminology



12TH GRADE

- Complete college, financial aid and scholarship applications
- Navigate the FAFSA and understand different types of financial aid
- Interpret admissions decisions and financial aid letters to choose the best-fit college
- Develop skills for job attainment, employment maintenance and work-life balance
- Transition socially, emotionally and academically to college



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