



College Advising

Once you begin to work on the college process you will discover it all fits together like a puzzle and is easy.

Students begin their work with Mrs. Kok as early as 8th grade and as late as the summer after 12th grade and sometimes into the freshman year at college. The earlier the better because it gives Mrs. Kok and the student time to get to know each other and helps her to know how to advise the student not only based on good practices, but on what fits that particular student.

There is time to visit colleges, select courses for high school to fit goals and aspirations and to establish a testing plan to help the student to be successful.

Mrs. Kok works with each student as an individual and works to make the time enlightening, and positive instead of challenging and stressful.

The more students understand about the process the more they are apt to take charge of the process and the experience is more successful and enjoyable.

Parents and counselors, advisors, are important but remember that end the end, the decision is about the future of the student and the student needs to make the decision along with the parents but it needs to be the student's informed decision. It is important the senior year to meet all of the deadlines set up for the student, as well as to work closely with the college counseling office at school.

From the beginning to graduation there are basic tasks which are on the CPS website. Among those tasks are:

1. From the start make a difference in your school. Get involved.
2. Work on study habits and make your classes a success.
3. Get involved in the community doing service.
4. Research colleges – ask Mrs. Kok for a good way to do that.
5. Research what the colleges have to offer.
6. Does that college match your goals and abilities

7. Take the student assessment test to help with what you are looking for in a college.
8. Start and keep up a resume you could use for admissions, scholarships, or jobs.
9. Take college visits and prepare for those ahead of time.
10. Develop extracurricular activities in high school.
11. Research college applications and the Common Application
12. Choose an essay from College App and try it.
13. Apply to websites (see list) for scholarships.
14. Continue to take the classes your colleges will want to see on your transcript
15. Prepare for testing.
16. Understand and prepare to fill out FAFSA in October of your senior year
17. Work with Mrs. Kok to tie up loose ends and make a decision by May 1
18. Get on campus and discuss what you should and want to take your first year.
19. Consider a summer online college course before you enter your freshman year.

Call on Mrs. Kok

Do not hesitate to call, email, or text Mrs. Kok with any question.

She is there at any time to answer your questions.

COSTS AND HOW TO GET STARTED ARE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE