



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS COUNSELING

The college admissions process is an exciting time for students to explore opportunities while further developing their skills. At MAIA Education, we work closely with our students to identify colleges and/or university programs that are an authentic fit and provide individualized counsel on how to craft a strong application that stands out.

Why MAIA Education?

As educators, we know the types of educational settings and experiences that allow our students to thrive and best continue to develop their strengths. Given the increased demand on students for independence, it is especially important to consider the level of support offered as well as the advantages of each individual program.

Whether we have worked with a student for years or they are starting with us anew for college guidance, we take the time to understand that student's profile from a holistic perspective. Through our approach, we find that the college application process can be one of self-discovery and exploration – rather than one of great stress and anxiety – for our students.

At MAIA Education, we offer families comprehensive college admissions placement packages that include key stages of the process as well as the flexibility to develop a customized program.

How College Admissions Counseling Works

Initial Consultation

Our initial consultation includes a comprehensive review of a student's academic and extracurricular history and in-depth interviewing with both the student and parent(s). A follow-up plan of action is then developed based on the student's individual needs.

Student Profile

A student profile is based on a student's academic record, extracurricular activities, personal interests, and goals. We are also happy to communicate with outside professionals in order to more accurately determine a student's learning profile.

Application Strategy

Students work with us on an application strategy that highlights their unique talents and strengths and differentiates them from other students with admissions committees. We discuss

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the benefits of applying early and advise our students on how to strengthen their resumes for college, whether through summer internships or course selection.

Standardized Test Preparation

Our team of experienced and highly-qualified educators prepare students for all college admissions tests, including the ACT, SAT, and SAT Subject Tests. At the beginning of the process, we administer a diagnostic exam at our office, and, based on those results, we develop a targeted plan for test preparation. We periodically assess and share our students' growth and areas for development with families.

Recommended College List

The college list is developed in partnership with students and families to reflect a range of admissions criteria that ensures our students will be appropriately challenged and be met with success. Through a process of developing a preliminary list, campus tours and visits, and routine debriefings with your team at MAIA Education, we will guide you to a final list of best-fit colleges.

Interview Preparation

We conduct mock interviews for our students to practice answering questions confidently with admission committees. We help students effectively communicate why they are applying to a particular program and in what ways they would contribute to that community.

Personal College Statement

A strong personal statement should be an authentic reflection of the student's voice and individuality. Amidst an ever-growing pool of applicants, the personal statement is a distinguishing factor of any application and a unique opportunity for students to differentiate themselves. At MAIA, we give our students the tools and structure to face one of the most challenging steps in the admissions process with confidence.

Making a Decision

After acceptance letters are received, we will assist you in deciding what college to attend and what next steps need to be taken.

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