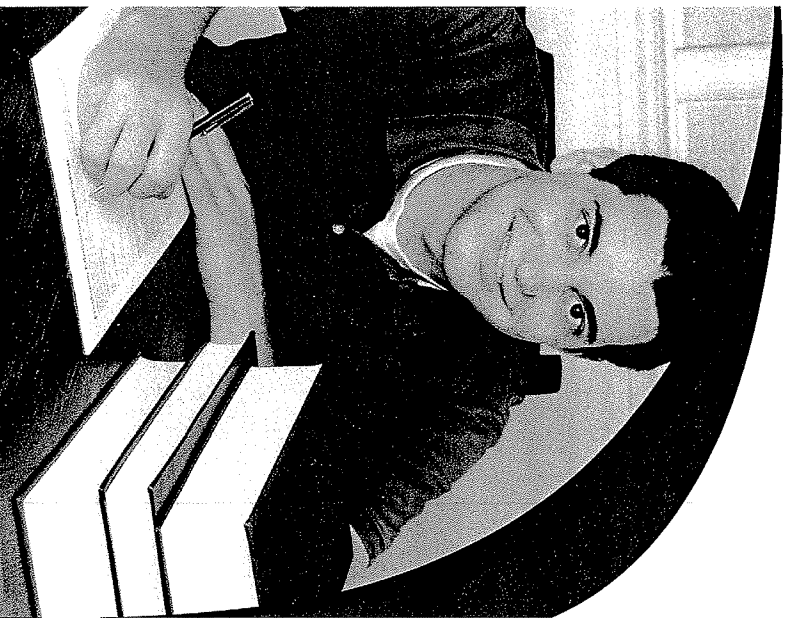


PARENTS' ROLE IN THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS

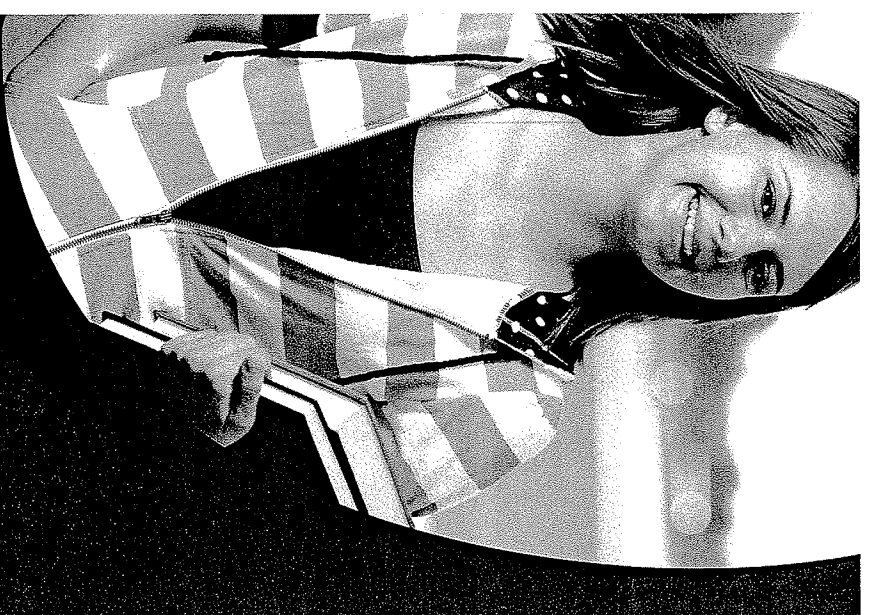
- » Contact counselors via email or phone with any questions/concerns
- » Assist students with forms, applications, and important decisions
- » Allow students to take ownership of the college search and application process
- » Be aware of testing dates and application deadlines
- » Take students to visit colleges
- » Fill out financial aid forms
- » Keep college costs and financial aid in mind when making college selection decisions



RESOURCES AVAILABLE FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

- » Students can schedule individual appointments with counselors at any time to discuss educational and personal issues.
- » The counseling website, located from www.crsd.org, contains extensive information about colleges, careers, scholarships, financial aid, and academic assistance. Students can even compare their own scores and GPA to those of other Council Rock students accepted into each college.
- » The counseling staff hosts parent meetings to explain the college admission and selection process.
- » The counseling staff hosts a Financial Aid night in which a local accounting firm helps parents sort through the maze of forms and information.
- » The counseling staff prepares local scholarship packets, available to all high school seniors.
- » More than 200 colleges and universities visit Council Rock each year for its annual College Fair.
- » The counseling staff schedules informational meetings for students at Council Rock with college admissions representatives.
- » The counseling staff provides students with timelines for the college application process, including dates for college admission tests.
- » Detailed booklets explaining the college selection and application process are available at the career and counseling centers in the high schools.

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**The Role of School Counselors
in Career and College Placement**



WHO IS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR?

School counselors are educational specialists who have master's degrees in school counseling. They help students with their academic, social, and emotional development – including helping them with career and college planning.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF A SCHOOL COUNSELOR?

As a parent, your past experiences with a school counselor may be vastly different than what your child will have. Today, school counselors act as a student's advocate, providing them with resources and direction to help them succeed in school. They work closely with teachers, parents, and administrators – helping to guide and direct each student toward their individual goals. They work to find students appropriate extra academic help, counsel students in crisis, and help them to cope with the pressures of today's world. Counselors also help students chart a course toward graduation, college and/or career placement. For many students, this process begins in middle school.

How can a Council Rock counselor help with career and college placement?

- » Provide individual and group planning and counseling – helping students to determine which career or college goal might be right for them
- » Beginning in 9th grade, provide a great deal of information about the college selection process, including timelines and goals for each grade and semester
- » Explain the 'keys' to college acceptance and what kinds of things colleges consider
- » Provide timelines and guidelines for college placement tests
- » Provide general financial aid information for parents (including scholarship opportunities)
- » Write recommendation letters for students

Helping students achieve academic success

- » Work directly with students to help them select courses that will meet their own academic and career goals (including college and post-secondary placement)
- » Help to identify students who need specialized academic services, and facilitate the delivery of those services
- » Help teachers, parents, and students to interpret and use test scores to improve instruction
- » Facilitate parent conferences
- » Work with students to improve study skills and managing stress

Whatever YOU can do, or DREAM YOU can, begin it. Boldness has GENIUS, POWER, and MAGIC in it.

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