



COLLEGE COUNSELING GUIDE

The college decision process is a big step for high school students and their parents, though it doesn't have to be overwhelming. We will provide whatever support we can as you narrow down your list, apply to schools, and choose the one that best fits you / your child. Below is an outline of what the years leading up to college should look like in your family and the typical support you may expect from the school.

GRADE	STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY	KADIMAH'S RESPONSIBILITY	IMPORTANT DATES
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Start reading a college guide and research the kinds of institutions you think you want to look into ● Visit colleges and take admissions tours ● Challenge yourself academically ● Continue pursuing passions outside of school, through work or volunteering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue general discussions about the process ● Offer a challenging, strong college preparatory curriculum 	<p>Summer: Do something that pushes you in your growth as a person or in relation to your passions/interests</p> <p>Winter: Take PSAT test</p>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Begin to narrow down your top ten college choices ● Visit likely college possibilities ● Take ACT and/or SAT tests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meet with students individually in the spring to talk about their intentions 	<p>Fall: Take PSAT test</p> <p>Summer: Draft college essays</p>
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Decide which teachers from whom you will request letters of recommendation ● Take ACT and/or SAT tests ● Apply to between 3-6 colleges ● Research financial and scholarship information ● Stay the night at schools before deciding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Advise students generally about generating a final list of colleges ● Write teacher recommendations ● Send out transcript and counselor recommendations 	<p>6 Weeks Before Deadline: Ask teachers for written recommendations</p>