University School’s college counseling office facilitates several programs throughout the year to prepare students and parents for the college search and application process.

The annual fall college fair includes over 160 four-year colleges and universities and is exclusive for University School students and parents. Here, students and parents have the opportunity to talk directly with representatives to ask questions, learn tips specific to a student’s top choices, and get a head start on the entire admissions process.

Support from the College and Guidance Counseling team is immediate and ongoing upon entry to University School’s Upper School. Each student is assigned a counselor to help chart a path best suited to his/her needs within and beyond the classroom. More specifically, the counselor helps the student review academic progress, select courses based on his/her interests, abilities, and potential educational and career choices, and develop life-long skills such as decision making, organization and communication. Throughout the student’s secondary school career, the counselor will frequently collaborate with different team specialists as need and expertise dictate.

As post-secondary goals and college admissions take center stage, the student is assigned a specialized college counselor to guide him or her step-by-step through the college search and application process. College counselors provide continuous support assisting each student one-on-one in completing applications, reviewing resumes and college essays, preparing for college interviews, accessing financial aid/scholarship information, and formulating an appropriate list of colleges. Students are also invited to attend a broad range of college counseling programs, college tours and workshops. In addition to the private annual College Fair, program highlights often include College Night, which includes 8-10 deans of admissions discussing current admission trends with our students and parents, and a Fall College Trip.

The college counselors serve as liaisons between University School students and universities. Our counselors participate in local, state, and national organizations and conferences to keep the universities informed about the quality of University School education and the students.