



**College
Planning For
The Gifted
Student**

Where Are You in the Process?

Just "kicking the tires"

Making a list

In the thick of it

Making the final decision



Early in the Process

Begin to
research:

- Programs
- Location
- Size
- Climate
- Costs
- Begin college visits

Narrowing Those Considerations To Create A List

Think of what you have researched and apply that knowledge to create a list of college.

Consider "Fit": Academic, Social, Financial

11th and 12th Grade

- Testing: SAT, ACT, APs
- Applications
- Essays
- Interviews



Where Are You Going? College and Beyond...

- Applications are submitted
- The proverbial "Fat Envelopes"
- Comparing financial aid awards
- Admitted student events


*"Where do I
see myself?"*

Philosophy 101


Who is driving the process?

How involved do you want (or need) to be?

What's a Parent to Do?



Provide support
and
encouragement



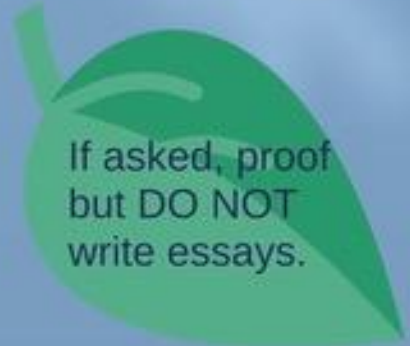
Don't take
over the
process




Discuss -
and be
up front
about -
finances.



Track dates
for deadlines,
financial aid,
test
registrations.



If asked, proof
but **DO NOT**
write essays.



Really
listen to
your child.

High School Planning

- Map out a four year plan

Five core
in all four

- READ

- Testing

- Extracurriculars
and Summer
Programs

Depth vs.
Breadth

**So - what's especially important
for the gifted student?**

So Many Decisions...

Where will I be
challenged
academically?

Big Fish in
Small Pond?
Or opposite?

Core
Curriculum?
Open
Curriculum?




Experiential
Learning?

Competitive
or
Collaborative?

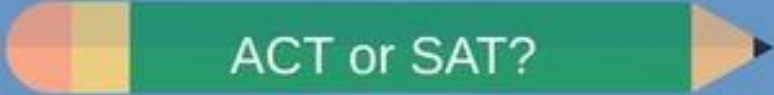
Research
Opportunities?



Testing



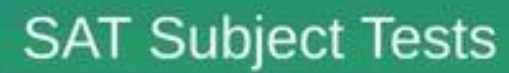
PSAT and NMSQT



ACT or SAT?



Writing Section?



SAT Subject Tests

Success Does Not Always Follow A Straight Path



Twice-Exceptional Students



Plan ahead if your student will need special accommodations for testing.



Research what academic support is available at colleges of interest and required documentation.



Fit is **VERY** important for the 2E kid.

The Home Schooled Student



Testing will be important.



Consider taking courses at community college.



Does the student have extracurricular activities that will help them stand out?



Teacher-Parent documentation!

- Executive function coaching.
- Work with a therapist.
- Develop coping strategies.
- Encourage participation in activities that play to strengths and interests.

How to Help The Underachiever

- Early College options
- Community college to demonstrate ability to achieve at a college level.
- Small private college that will "see the full picture".
- Post-grad year.
- Gap year.

College Options and Alternatives

To-Do

- 1) Start early!
- 2) Research, research, research.
- 3) The student needs to be an active participant in the process.

About AdmissionStyles

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