



## High School Program

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The methods we utilize for our High School College Bound program have five key components which include:

1. **Individualized counseling** -- the College Bound Coordinator provides valuable assistance to help youth make incremental progress on their goal-oriented action plan and they serve as the primary 'case manager' (counselor) for each of our at-risk students.
2. **Individual and group tutoring** -- staff and volunteers host group tutoring sessions as well as one-on-one sessions to students who need the additional help.
3. **Weekly workshops** – provided on site to help students learn about the college application process. First half of semester is focused on the college preparation process. Workshops include such topics as graduation requirements; A-G college entrance requirements; financial aid and FAFSA; college testing requirements (i.e.: PSAT/SAT Exams); and classes to help parents navigate the complex maze of searching for and applying to colleges are offered. The career readiness component begins in the second-half of the high school semester. Students take part in workshops such as resume building, job/career search, interviewing skills, business etiquette, and making a good first impression.
4. **Educational events** -- for students and families, ensures that parents receive on-going information so they can adequately guide their teenagers towards high school graduation and college. Facilitated by the College Bound Coordinator, these events keep parents well informed of their teenager's areas of academic strengths and weaknesses. This helps to ensure that parents are involved and aware of the need to help their children maintain grade level achievement and continually monitor their progress towards completing all of the high school credits needed for graduation. An incentive and reward program helps to provide motivation and reinforcement. Some of our educational events include:
  - ✚ Parent meetings – monthly
  - ✚ Annual Summer Summit – for high school seniors
  - ✚ Alumni Mixer
  - ✚ College Bound Graduation Ceremony
  - ✚ Career EXPO
5. **College campus field trips** -- this provides opportunities for students to visit dorms, Student Unions, and college activities to see first-hand how enjoyable college can be for them.