



BAYSHORE
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Christian, Classical, Life Preparatory

Bayshore Christian School, College and Career Counseling Philosophy

College and Career Counseling at Bayshore Christian School starts with the understanding that every student is made in the *imago dei*. We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works that God has prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. (Eph 2:10) We have been made to glorify God and to use our gifts to serve others. Our lives are in His gracious and capable hands.

With this knowledge, we can approach the college admissions process and career preparation with the peace that passes all understanding and the joy of discovery in living for God's purposes. Having confidence that God individually cares for us means resting in knowing He is perfectly leading and guiding us and has a place for us in our next stage of life. This knowledge changes how we will handle the fear, pressure, and anxiety normally associated with this process. We strive for less stress and fear with more joy and discovery!

The Guidance Counselor will:

- advise each student through the college admissions or career search process
- advocate for each student by developing resources and routines
- partner with teachers and parents to prayerfully identify the needs, interests, aptitudes and unique goals of each student, strategizing possibilities and informing along the way

The college application process is Student-Centered, so the student should:

- Be personally invested in and own the college application process. This will manifest in the following ways:
 - Carefully read emails from the Guidance Counselor and respond when asked
 - Complete assignments involving college awareness-campus visits, lunch sessions, and advisory meetings & workshops
 - Allocate time for college and career research
- Work to discover and develop his or her God-given gifts and abilities throughout high school
- Cultivate positive relationships with teachers and other adults.
- Understand that cheating, expellable behaviors and irresponsible social media presence are cause for college admissions denial

Parents are integral to the process and they should:

- Take the passenger seat (with a role similar to teaching driving), recognizing that the student must own this process
- Carefully read all communication from the Guidance Counselor as the college process is heavy with deadlines and details
- Monitor and wisely help their child when he/she needs it providing godly mature wisdom
- Help with college research and plan and take their child on college visits
- Partner with the Guidance Counselor to help her know what's best for their child
- Help their child discover the unique gifts and talents God has given him/her