



Who Advises You When	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Faculty Advisor	X	X	X	X
Individual Teachers	X	X	X	X
Academic Counselor	X	X	X	X
Academic Dean	X	X	X	X
College Counselors			X	X

Faculty Advisor

The faculty advisor stays with your child from orientation day through graduation. This advisor can give you an overall picture of how your child is doing and serves as a point of contact when a specific concern arises. Your child has a group meeting with the advisor every four days and individual meetings throughout the year.

Teachers

Your child's teachers are available for professional input within their subjects. Teachers are available to students after class, during common preparation periods, office hours, and via appointments outside of normal school hours. Teachers are also available to parents via phone, email and appointments. Teachers make recommendations for and give approvals of course selections each spring. Additionally, teachers write college recommendation letters for students when students are applying to college.

Academic Counselor

One of the academic counselors meets with each student during the freshman year and stays with that student through graduation. The counselor is available for consultation and works with teachers and the faculty advisor if a student needs academic and social-emotional support.

Academic Dean and Pre-College Counselor

The academic dean facilitates our academic planning program at the upper school. Through information sessions held during the first semester, students create a four-year plan of courses and extracurriculars that best meets the needs and interests of the student. This planning offers an important stepping stone in preparing students for the college process later on; students and parents are provided pre-college counseling information (including information on standardized tests and local college visits) so that students are ready to smoothly transition to the college counselors in the second semester of the junior year.

College Counselors

Students are assigned to a college counselor in the second semester of junior year. Through classes and scheduled individual and family meetings, the college counselors guide students through the college search and college application process. In addition to the classes, college counselors work with students one-on-one to take the topics discussed in class and apply them to each student's personal situation. All of Harker's counselors once worked in college admission offices as application evaluators, and their constant access to the students and their teachers means Harker counselors are uniquely suited to be the strongest advocates for students during the college application process.