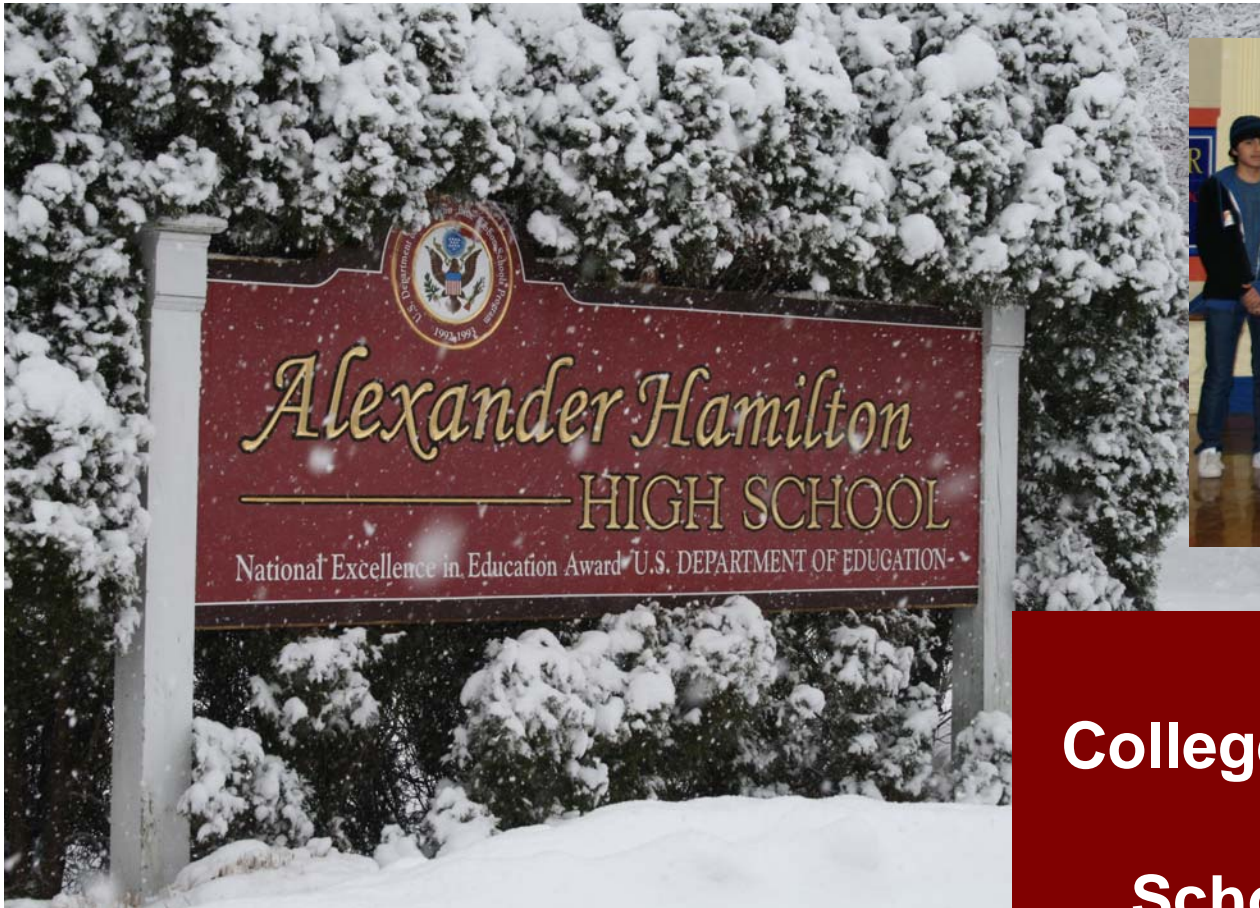


Alexander Hamilton High School



**College Information Night
2010-2011
School Code: 331840**

Role of the Guidance Counselor

- Meet with students and review their transcripts.
- Make sure all the credits for graduation are being fulfilled.
- Research colleges with the students.
- Write college recommendations.
- Make appointments with colleges to come visit with the students.



Junior Year:

- Make an appointment to meet with your guidance counselor.
- Take the May SAT.
- Research colleges.
- Do some volunteer work or take on a summer job.
- Fill out the NCAA form.
- Ask two teachers to write you a recommendation letter.
- Start writing your essay.
- **GO VISIT COLLEGES OVER THE SUMMER BREAK!!!**

Senior Year:

- Meet with guidance counselor to see that you have enough credit to graduate and finalize college list.
- Register for the October SAT.
- Fill out College Applications.
- Come into the guidance office often to discuss colleges and find out about scholarships.
- Fill out the FAFSA form after Jan. 1st.

What to look for in a school:

- Size
- Location
- Type
- Student Body
- Competitiveness
- Specialization
- Finances
- Facilities
- Campus life
- Athletics



What a school looks for in an applicant:

- Academic records
- Standardize test scores
- Senior grades
- Extra curricular activities
- Recommendations
- Essay
- Interview
- Special Information



Parents' Role

- Visit schools with your child.
- Help your child choose a list of schools that best fit their needs.
- Assist your child with applications and the FASFA.
- Try to help your child stay organized and remind them of deadlines.
- Support, Encourage, and Reassure ---
- Remember this is Fun and an Exciting Time!!



FAFSA

- Free Application Federal Student Aid
- After January 1, 2011 fill out application online.
- Check school deadlines.
- Must be filled out for all aids including loans.
- Use 2010 taxes or estimate.



Online Information:

- If you apply to a school on line, fill out a ***Transcript Request Form***, located in the guidance office, and return to counselor.
- Students must contact Collegeboard to have SAT scores sent to the colleges.
- If you are an athlete planning to play sports in college, you must be cleared by the NCAA Clearinghouse. Do this in your Junior Year.

Internet Resources

collegeboard.com

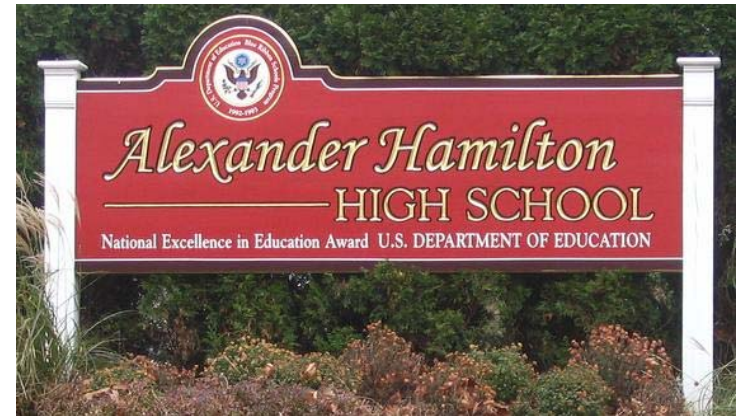
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Guidance Department Website

<http://guidance.elmsd.org>

- Contact Information
- Important Dates
- Links to other resources
- “College Terms”
- Events to look out for
- Past events & presentations



The screenshot displays the Guidance Department website for Alexander Hamilton Jr. / Sr. High School. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Hamilton, Grady, Dixon, Tech, Sports, and Instructional Services. The main header features a group photo of students and the text "Guidance Department". Below this, there are tabs for "Grade Levels", "Links", "Class of", and "Forms". The central content area lists contact information for Mrs. Rosemary Young, Guidance Department Secretary / Registrar, and two Guidance Counselors: Mrs. Stephanie Luccioni-Burns and Mrs. Monica Ahern. A sidebar on the right contains a photo of the counselors, the school's CEEB Code (331-840), and a list of links for Grade Levels (9-12), Calendar, Forms, Links, Events, College Terms, and Senior Calendar. At the bottom, there is a link to the FAFSA Federal Student Aid external site and an Information Brochure. A large photo at the bottom left shows a man in a suit talking to a student.