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A NORTH CAROLINA CHARTER SCHOOL



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High School Year-by-Year 12th Grade Year

Greetings Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to The Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy. I would like to share some very important information that we feel would allow your student to reach their full potential in high school. The high school counselor can be a valuable resource in helping your student make decisions regarding the high school years. It is, however, important that you and your child also assume responsibility for setting goals, making educational plans and meeting requirements to fulfill those plans.

The Senior Year

What can you do to advise and guide your 12th grade student?

Have your student regularly check the Counselor's Office for scholarship. The counselor keeps up to date on all scholarship offers as they are received. These offers are advertised through the student announcements and the school website. Parents are welcome to come to the school and examine them and speak to the counselor at any time.

Note: Please do not assume that your student is not eligible for scholarship funds. Parents are encouraged to visit with or contact the Counselor's Office to locate all available funding opportunities and student eligibility. Every year thousands of scholarship dollars go unused in the United States because of a lack of eligible applications. Please take the time to seek out additional assistance if your child needs financial aid to further their education.

Have your student make arrangements to take the ACT and/or SAT if they have not already done so. Students can register for the SAT at www.collegeboard.org and the ACT at www.act.org. Fee waivers are available in the Counselor's Office.

Have your student begin applying to colleges in early fall, using the following procedures: Download applications from colleges your student may be interested in attending. Fill them out and submit them well ahead of the deadlines. Keep a copy of all applications for your files, noting the date they were sent. Include check or money order made out to the college(s) prior to submitting your applications. Also, take full advantage for 'Free College Application Week'. The counselors will have more information on participating colleges and universities.

Begin your Financial Aid (FAFSA) in late January.

Attend Paul R. Leadership Academy Financial Aid Seminar when offered.

Make final decisions regarding post high school plan.

Your 12th grade student must complete the required core classes listed below to achieve their high school diploma/graduation. Must complete ACT Workkeys Assessment if a CTE Completer.

English – 4 Credits

Social Studies – 4 Credits

Health & P.E. – 1 Credit

Math – 4 Credits

Science – 3 Credits

Electives – 12 Credits

Monitor Academic Progress – The Powerschool Parent Portal gives you the ability to monitor your students' progress. Make sure that you see all interim progress reports and report cards. Ask your students' teachers to send your progress reports via email. All teachers are expected to contact parents when there are concerns, but I encourage you not to assume someone will contact you if there is a problem. Provide encouragement and support, making certain that your student understands that academics are vitally important.

Encourage your student to become involved in a wide variety of activities. Many colleges and employers like to see students who are well-rounded, active citizens of the high school and community. Some scholarship committees also consider extracurricular activities to be important. Perhaps more important, students who are involved in activities seem to enjoy high school more, and generally have greater academic success.

Finally, help your student choose meaningful activities for the summer months. These varied activities may include college summer programs, summer employment, taking lessons, reading, volunteer work with a local business organization, or other activities that will develop social and leadership skills. These activities are significant to prospective employers and to higher education admissions officers.

We are looking forward to a great school year at Paul R. Brown Leadership Academy. Should you ever need my assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me @ (910) 862-2965 or jwray@prbla.org.

Respectfully,

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