# Department of Counseling Services Presentation to the Board of Education Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District

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## **School Counselors:**

... foster educational equity, access, and academic success in a rigorous curriculum to ensure that all students graduate from high school ready to succeed in college and careers. (Education Trust)

... maximize each student's potential for tomorrow's world... and provide a learning environment that is safe, professional, and respectful.

(OBEN Board of Education Mission and Goals)

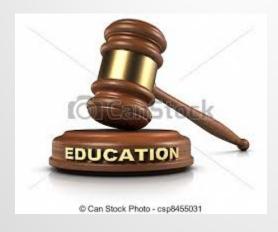
## What does a school counselor do?

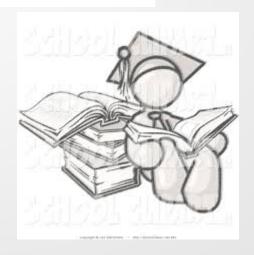










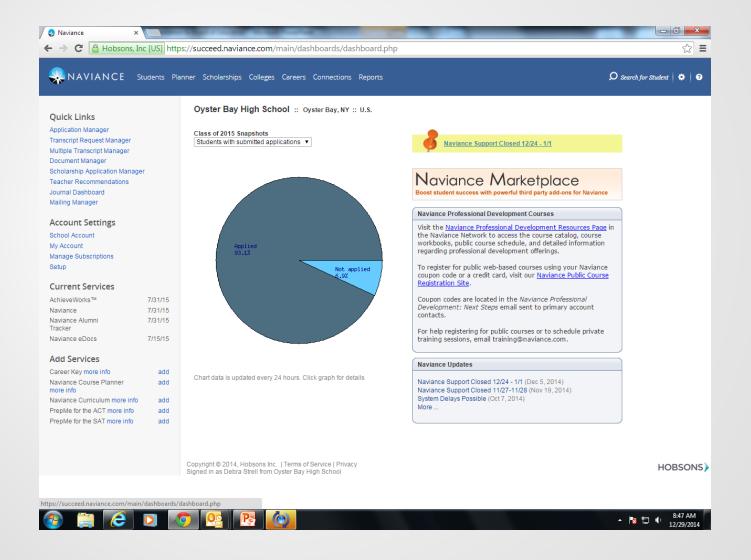




## College advisement:

- Starts in first day of 7<sup>th</sup> grade with counselor relationship
- Urge students from 7<sup>th</sup> grade on to have the best program they can to go to the college that best fits them
- Hold Family College Information Nights grades 8-12
- Assist with 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade College trips
- Organize 9<sup>th</sup> grade visit to local area college campuses
- Set up individual scheduling and post-high school interest meetings in grades 8 through 11
- Conduct junior parent/student college planning meetings
- Host mini-college fairs in fall and spring
- Promote NCA and NACAC fairs on school calendar and through email
- Summer contact with rising seniors re applications
- Co-teach College Essay class twice each week
- Work with students on completion of college applications
- Seek out scholarship opportunities
- Work with students on scholarship applications

## **Naviance**



## Scholarship process: How do we get our students to apply??

#### Internal:

- Students write scholarship essays in College Essay class
- Scholarship bulletin distributed to all 12<sup>th</sup> grade students and placed on school district's web site
- Emails sent to students through Naviance
- Major/interest scholarships are handed out to students
- Meetings with counselors
- Inter-departmental collaborations

## Scholarship process: How do we get our students to apply??

### **External:**

- Counselors actively seek scholarship opportunities from malls, stores, circulars, credit unions, etc.
- Contact past scholarship donors to ensure each year's participation
- Research scholarships
- Have students sign up for scholarship websites like <u>fastweb.com</u> & <u>bigfuture.collegeboard.org</u>

## **Student-Parent Evening Programs:**

#### Prior to 2013-14:

- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade College Information
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Information
- Financial Aid Information

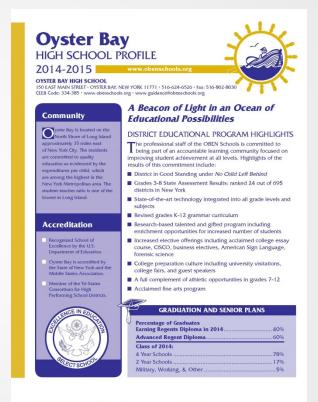
#### Since 2013-14:

- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Family College Information
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Family College Information
- 10<sup>th</sup> grade Family College Information
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade Family College Information
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Family College Information
- Spanish Language College Information
- Financial Aid Information

#### Added in 2014-15:

- Bilingual Financial Aid
- PSAT Results Return and Discussion
- College Information for Students with Special Needs

## High School Profile



#### **Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District**

#### OYSTER BAY ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS Laura Seinfeld, Ed.D. PRINCIPAL Dennis P. O'Hara, Ed.D.

ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS Lara Gonzalez, Frank Imperiale, Timothy McCarthy

COUNSELING STAFF Debra Strell - Supervisor

#### Distribution of Grades

Beginning in May 2006, ALL students enrolled in Advanced Placement courses will be required to sit for the A.P. Exam.

1st Quintile ...... 109.8-102.22 3rd Quintile ...... 93.78-88 4th Quintile...... 87.93-81.07

.... 80.75-68.71 Deanna Cali, Rebecca Lieberman, Lisa Lowe, Danielle Urtheil

## Working together as a team to learn

**Quinnipiac University** 



Southern CT State University





**Yale University** 

**Hunter College** 

Marymount Manhattan College

## New initiatives:

- PSAT for all 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders on October 15
- ReadiStep (pre-PSAT) for all 9<sup>th</sup> graders on October 15
- Introduce Method Test Prep to all students in grades 9-11 for free online testing support
- Begin work on Naviance to students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Beginning in February, work on college and career program in Vernon School for each grade level