



# THOMAS JEFFERSON SCHOOL

## COLLEGE COUNSELING AT A GLANCE

Discover the support that each TJ student receives, preparing them one year at a time for the transition to college and their lives beyond.

### GRADES 7–8: DISCOVERING SELF

- Develop a strong foundation of academic skills and study habits
- Learn how to access support and help in their new community

### GRADE 9: TRANSITIONING TO HIGH SCHOOL

- Define their impact in the TJ community through involvement in clubs, activities, and athletics
- Onboard to Scoir, TJ's college counseling platform
- Reflect on their first careers assessment

### GRADE 10: DEVELOPING LEADERSHIP

- Learn how their interests and goals enrich community life as they grow into leaders
- Develop their activities list
- Build a resume
- Review and understanding PSAT results
- Begin meeting with university representatives who visit TJ

### GRADE 11: LOOKING BEYOND SELF

- Develop a timeline and checklist to organize their plans
- Develop an activity list
- Research colleges
- Explore career interests and college majors
- Create a presentation (to the college counselor) in which each student describes how they developed their college list and how it connects to their plans beyond TJ

### GRADE 12: BECOMING INDEPENDENT

- Write application essays
- Fine-tune activities lists
- Work through the CommonApp
- Apply for financial aid and scholarships
- Develop strategies for leaving TJ and making the most of college.

## BY THE NUMBERS

# #1

BEST COLLEGE-PREP  
PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL  
IN MISSOURI



# 12

TOTAL NUMBER  
OF AP COURSES  
OFFERED

# 8

TYPICAL NUMBER OF  
AP COURSES TAKEN  
PER STUDENT

### CLASS OF 2023

SAT COMPOSITE SCORE  
(mid-50%)  
**1320–1500**

ACT COMPOSITE SCORE  
(mid-50%)  
**31–35**



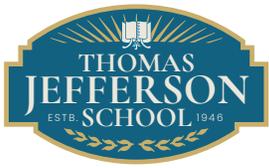
SCAN TO DISCOVER MORE  
DETAILED TEST SCORE  
INFORMATION

# \$480k

AVERAGE AMOUNT OF  
SCHOLARSHIP EARNED  
PER STUDENT (2023)

# 100%

PERCENTAGE OF  
GRADUATING CLASS  
ATTENDING A  
FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE COUNSELING



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On a student’s very first day on campus, they begin to build the relationships and explore the classes and activities that will ultimately be a part of their TJ experience. And from those moments, I meet and work with students, helping them to explore what they want to bring out in themselves at TJ and beyond.

The college admissions process presents a significant learning opportunity for TJ students. It is a major transition in the life of a young adult—one in which a student can really take ownership of their own academic and personal future through making goals, developing plans, and following through on those plans. In this highly-individualized process, my mission is to help young people learn how to be their best selves and stretch their expectations of what they can achieve along the way.

This mission is achieved when each graduate leaves TJ for a college that fits—a college they are excited about—and they are ready to make the most of it.

I am always happy to chat, share information and resources, and answer questions. I look forward to speaking with you about how we can guide your student through this process.

## MATRICULATIONS TO COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES (2020–2024)

Allegheny College  
American University  
Bard College  
Beloit College  
Bennington College  
Berklee College of Music  
Boston College  
Bowdoin College  
Bradley University  
Brandeis University  
Cal-State Northridge  
Carleton College  
Case Western Reserve Uni.  
Central Methodist University  
DePauw University  
Emory University  
FIDM  
Florida International University  
Fordham University  
Franklin & Marshall College  
Freed-Hardeman University  
Grinnell College

Johns Hopkins University (2)  
Kettering University  
Lake Forest College  
Macalester College  
Middlebury College  
Morehouse College  
Mt. Holyoke College  
Muhlenberg College  
New York University (7)  
Pomona College  
Purdue University  
Rhodes College  
Rice University  
Rutgers University (2)  
Seoul National University  
Smith College (3)  
St. John's College (2)  
St. Louis College of Pharmacy  
St. Louis University  
St. Olaf College (2)  
Swarthmore College  
Syracuse University  
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UC Irvine (2)

UC San Diego (2)  
UC Santa Barbara  
UI-Chicago  
UNC-Chapel Hill  
UT-Austin  
Union College  
University of Amsterdam  
University of Cambridge (UK)  
University of Chicago  
University of Iowa  
University of Kansas (2)  
University of Minnesota (Twin Cities)  
University of Missouri (Columbia)  
University of Nebraska - Lincoln  
University of New Hampshire  
University of Notre Dame  
University of Pennsylvania  
University of Southern California  
University of Tulsa  
University of Utah  
Utah State University  
Vanderbilt University  
Washington University in St. Louis (3)  
Webster University  
Yale University