**Park East: 9 – 12 College Inquiry Curriculum Map**

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|  | **9th Grade** | **10th Grade** | **11th Grade**  | **12th Grade** |
| **Mapping the Landscape of College** | **Fall in 9th Grade Seminar*** Surveying Student Knowledge about College
* College Sort
* College in America: Myths & Realities[[1]](#endnote-1)
* First in the Family Video
* College Interviews
* College Visits: Pre/During/Post
 | **Spring in 10th Grade Seminar** * College Sort
* College Visits: Pre/During/Post
* CUNY Scavenger Hunt
* SUNY Scavenger Hunt
* Comparing Colleges: Using *collegeboard.org*
* College Interviews (advisory)
* Surveying Student Knowledge about College (advisory)
 | **Fall in Advisory*** College Sort
* College Matching
* CUNY Scavenger Hunt
* SUNY Scavenger Hunt
* College Interview
* First in the Family Video
* College Visits: Pre/During/Post[[2]](#endnote-2)
 | **Spring in Advisory*** Using College Resources
* What Are For-Profit Colleges?
* First in the Family – The College Years
* What is a Syllabus? (ELA)
* *Hold Fast to Dreams* Discussion Guide (ELA)
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| **College Application Process** | * Activity Log (spring – ELA)
* Year Ahead Plan (fall – advisory)
* Transcript Review (spring – advisory)
* Summer Plan (advisory)
 | **Spring in 10th Grade Seminar** * What’s in a College Application
* Mock Admissions
* Transcript Review (fall – advisory)
* Activity Log (ELA)
 | **Spring in 11th Grade Seminar*** Exploring College Majors
* Reach, Match, Safety: Matching Students with Schools
* Making a CUNY List
* Making a SUNY List
* Private List Making (1/3 of class)
* Transcript review (fall – advisory)
* Personal Statement (Spring – ELA)
* Activity Log (ELA)
 | **Fall in 12th Grade Seminar*** College Application Steps
* Completing CUNY Application (w/ELA)
* Completing SUNY Application (w/ELA)
* Completing Common Application (w/after school)
* After Hitting “Submit”
* Future Plan (advisory)
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| **Paying for College** | **Fall in 9th Grade Seminar*** College Costs: Public vs. Private[[3]](#endnote-3)
 | **Spring in 10th Grade Seminar*** What are Opportunity Programs?
* College Costs: Public vs. Private
* FAFSA 4Caster
 | **Spring in 11th Grade Seminar*** Steps to Applying for Financial Aid
* What are Opportunity Programs?
* College Costs: Public vs. Private
 | **Fall in Senior Seminar*** Looking at FAFSA and Prep
* Steps to Applying for Financial Aid
* FAFSA Completion (w/ELA and parent workshops)
* Making Sense of Financial Aid Package Letters
* Loans & Interest Rates (Econ)
* Paying Back Loans (Econ)
* Looking at College Bills & Budgets (Econ)
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| **Exploring Careers** | **Fall in 9th Grade Seminar*** On Line Career Exploration
 | **Fall in Literacy/Research*** Career Jeopardy
* Career Sort
* Investigating Your Career Interests Parts 1, 2, 3
* Career Interview (w/Career Day)
 | **Spring in Advisory*** Career Jeopardy
* Career Interest Survey
* Career Sort
* Exploring College Majors
* Majors and Career Pathways
* Career Day
 | * Majors & Career Pathways (in advisory)
* Career Day (prep in advisory)
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| **Milestones:** | * College Trip: 10/22 to Manhattan College
* College Trip: Spring to Baruch or City College[[4]](#endnote-4)
 | * College trip to be planned for whole grade to two colleges (Purchase/Sarah Lawrence? Hofstra/Old Westbury? New Paltz/Bard? Alfred State College/Alfred University?)
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| **Assessments****Note – All assessments to be turned into Seminar teacher and compiled in on-line or paper portfolio. Advisors to turn in assignments to Seminar Instructors.**  | * Write up of interview
* College Observation Guide (x2)
* Activity Log
* Year Ahead Plan
* Career Interest Survey
* Summer Plan
 | * College Observation Guide (x2)
* Personal Profile (from College Matching Activity)
* *College Board* account information
* *Activity Log*
* Year Ahead Plan
* Summer Plan
* Career Research project
 | * Annotated College List
* Personal Statement
* Junior Income form
* FSAID created
* Activity Log
* Year Ahead Plan
* Summer Plan
 | * Future Plan (Spring)
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1. This lesson might be combined with College Sort and the Sort would be modified into a Human Barometer with a selection of statements. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. When college trips will happen has not been determined for the juniors. [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. Note: This lesson should happen *before* the College Interview so that students know what to ask related to costs of college. [↑](#endnote-ref-3)
4. Note: For fall trip pre-visit lesson and observation guide will be completed through Seminar; for spring trip it will be done through Advisory. If possible, Spring trip will include a scavenger hunt or a campus-based activity. [↑](#endnote-ref-4)