



## Educational Counseling

*“Everything you need to be successful in homeschool education.”*

Westminster Academy is proud to offer educational counseling to our families. With over 20 years of homeschooling experience our Educational Counselor, Mrs. Pattie Fagan, offers invaluable advice and guidance throughout your student’s educational experience, beginning in elementary years. Knowing that the college application process can be intimidating—and tricky at times—she helps alleviate the stress and confusion that comes with planning a successful roadmap for college acceptance.

Just as each student is unique, so is the approach for this service. Mrs. Fagan will help illuminate each student’s individual strengths while offering resources and advice on how to deal with personal weaknesses. Moreover, students will have an opportunity to express themselves and have an active role in creating a working plan for their current school year and beyond.

### **What is educational counseling?**

This service is an academic support system filled with everything needed to be successful in homeschool education. Mrs. Fagan will serve as mentor and counselor as she helps to create a working academic plan that suits the needs of both the parent and student involved.

As educational counselor, Mrs. Fagan will:

- provide information about helpful resources;
- assist during the college application process;
- prepare the student’s high school transcript; and
- give information about standardized testing and important recommended events.

Participants are the first notified about special dates including college fairs, HEAV convention, college representative visits, testing dates, scholarships, webinars, and the Westminster Academy college night. Mrs. Fagan will also help with college searches, make curriculum and scheduling recommendations, demonstrate tracking tools available, and help explore college alternatives.

The annual educational counseling contract will help set grade-specific, as well as long-term goals. Also, a strategy for college entry, transcript development, and a testing schedule will be created. Families will be given access to the educational counseling webpage that publishes announcements about contests, testing deadlines, handouts and resources for the college admissions process, and information about selected colleges. Parents will receive help as needed with understanding test scores from a variety of standardized tests and planning with those results in mind.

Mrs. Fagan offers mini seminars of interest such as basic transcript preparation, how to determine credits, common school application forms, and the role of the parent as the homeschool guidance counselor. For an additional hourly fee, practice interviews for job applications and college can be arranged. One of the most important parts of educational counseling is Mrs. Fagan’s ability to establish relationships with college admissions. She will write personalized letters of introduction and interest to college admission personnel and even set up personal contact with a college representative!

### Who benefits from educational counseling?

Educational Counseling is for everyone, not just high school seniors! It is important to start planning and preparing for college as soon as possible, which is why Mrs. Fagan works with students from 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Do you need guidance and support during the homeschool journey? Are you struggling with choosing which classes to take? Are you uncertain how to create a high school transcript? Have questions about how to stand out as a college applicant? If any of these questions sound relatable, Educational Counseling is definitely for your family!

### What is the cost?

Service	Price
<b>Annual Educational Counseling Service for 10<sup>th</sup> Grade and Below</b> Includes: help with course selection and criteria, transcript preparation recommendations, PSAT/SAT/ACT recommendations, educational track counseling, and access to the educational counseling webpage	\$270 (\$150 annual renewal)
<b>Annual Educational Counseling Service for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> Includes: SAT/ACT testing recommendations, college application counseling, college alternatives counseling, transcript preparation recommendations, and access to the educational counseling webpage	\$360 (\$150 annual renewal)
<b>Academic Coaching and Mentoring Service</b> Designed to help new homeschoolers in their first year and includes: help with transitioning to homeschooling, answering questions about homeschooling, help with daily planning and scheduling, and curriculum review and recommendations	\$300
<b>High School Transcript Service</b> Includes: electronic transcript, one transcript edit, three months of educational counseling	\$100
<b>In-Person Counseling Sessions</b> Includes: in-depth analysis of your specific needs, answering questions about homeschooling and the college application process, personalized recommendations and advice, helpful handouts (when applicable)	\$50 per hour

### *Personal Note from Mrs. Fagan:*

“While I do not have the answer to every question, I will endeavor to find the best answer to all reasonable requests. Having homeschooled from beginning to end, I know the questions, confusion, and joy we all experience taking this path. Furthermore, after successfully helping three of my children through the college application process and myriad of deadlines, I am familiar with the requirements and stress of entering this final education phase of our children. I sincerely enjoy working side-by-side with students and parents, seeking the right path for their individual needs. It is such an exciting time and process!”

## Typical Programs

<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Mrs. Fagan will help homeschool parents assess curriculum choices, discuss the student's individual learning style, and give you and your child encouragement along the way.
<b>6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	The program will focus on assessing the child's goals, skills, and any particular needs the parent or child may have. Mrs. Fagan will also work to help educate and prepare the student for the transition from middle school to high school.
<b>9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Students are at a critical point in their educational journey. The first two years of high school will not only set the pace for their entire high school experience, but are also extremely important for long-term planning. It is never too early to prepare for college! During this stage of the educational counseling program, Mrs. Fagan will work with you to create an educational plan that will help your student arrive at their junior year fully prepared and ready for the SAT and college application process.
<b>11<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>	Students may be feeling the pressure to have a competitive transcript and good standardized testing scores. During this final and crucial stage of high school, Mrs. Fagan will focus on course work for college, internships, and the exploration of educational options and opportunities. Not only will students receive valuable guidance and advice, parents will not have the stress of creating a final and official high school transcript on their own!