



Bespoke Education's Middle and High School Advising

Bespoke provides comprehensive guidance through the process of applying to middle and high school. Ms. Jacqueline Sirgo can help students with completing their applications, selecting schools, working on interview skills, and writing the all-important application essays. More information about Ms. Sirgo and Bespoke's services can be found below.

About Jackie Sirgo, Middle School and High School Placement Counselor:

Ms. Sirgo earned her B.A. in Philosophy from the State University of New York at Buffalo State College and her M.A. in Higher Post-secondary Education from Teachers College, Columbia University. For the past three years, she served as the School Placement Coordinator for the School at Columbia University, a private K-8 school on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Prior to her work at The School, Ms. Sirgo spent four years as an Early Intervention Initiative Coordinator and three years as an Upward Bound Counselor to help low-income and first-generation college-bound middle and high school students gain access to higher education through academic enrichment and college readiness programming. Ms. Sirgo has also worked for the Settlement College Readiness Program at Union Settlement. During her tenure at The School at Columbia, she successfully placed graduates in high schools ranging from Horace Mann to Bard Early College High School. She is well informed about the academic strengths and social interests of over 250 schools in the Tri State Area, and she is able to recognize students' academic and social needs and make recommendations for their continuing education.

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- Comprehensive guidance through both the public and independent school admissions process, including researching and identifying best possible schools for an applicant to apply to.
- Support through all aspects of the application process via phone, email, and in-person sessions.
- Creation of a personalized, comprehensive calendar for both independent and public school open houses and tours.
- Reviewing procedures to apply for test accommodations for ISEE/SSAT/SHSAT/TACHS exams.
- Create an application-tracking worksheet and get advice on how to ensure guidance counselors are managing letters of recommendation in a timely manner.
- Help on all application essays, short answer questions, and parent personal statements.
- Mock interviews: what to do and what not to do during admissions interviews.

To set up a consultation with Ms. Sirgo, please contact Bespoke's main office: 212-286-2227 x100 or x104. Appointments are billed by the hour and are \$250/hr for both in-person sessions and email/phone support.