

The Advisor Program

Each student has an advisor (assigned the first year, and then chosen by the student each year thereafter) who serves as a "point person" to coordinate both the academic and personal aspects of each student's Purnell experience. Although the student's advisor is her special supporter, all of the faculty work together as a team for the success of each student.

Unlike most schools where advisors meet with their advisees as a group, at Purnell advisor and advisee meet one-on-one at least once a week. During these weekly meetings, topics discussed can range from classes and time management to dorm life and friendships. Advisors help support the student and keep her aware of her academic progress. Mid-semester and end of term progress reports are discussed, as well as scheduling of academic courses. Advisors also touch base with the student's parents/guardians at least once every other week.

Goal-setting, both academic and personal, is coordinated by the advisor and communicated to the entire Purnell team, including parents, through the advisor. The advisor works with the Individual Goal Coordinator to ensure that students are meeting their objectives. This collaboration assures that the ideas generated for student success, including demystification plans, counseling plans and health care plans, are implemented fully and evaluated frequently. The advisor and the Individual Goal Coordinator work together to make sure all available Purnell supports are accessible to the student and communicated to faculty and staff.



"I have a great relationship with my advisor. I can always talk to her. She has taken me off campus to go roller skating, shopping, and out to dinner."