

All Families Can Access Insider Information from Newport's Free College & Career Planning Expert

Looking for priceless insider information for applying for college and preparing for a career. Your student should get to know Vanessa Lopez-Kopp, and you can too.

Not only does this College & Career Advisor offer behind-the-scenes advice, she's also an expert at helping students navigate the stress and challenges of getting ready for the adult world.

“I love being a part of our students’ journeys—helping young adults transition into post-secondary life. For me, helping others stems from my lived experiences,” she says.

“Growing up as a first-generation, Chicana (Mexican-American) in a predominantly Latinx community, I had no access to advising and advocacy programs,” she says.

MS. LÓPEZ-KOPP COLLEGE & CAREER COUNSELOR

Meet Ms. López-Kopp!

Reach out to her to schedule an appointment.

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The Newport High School College and Career Center provides students and parents with access to current information and resources on college and career planning. Offering a variety of services from registration for WaNIC courses and resume workshops to college visits and scholarship information.



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“The resources we have at Newport transform lives. With support, perseverance, and dedication, all our Knights can achieve what can seem unobtainable. I’m here to show students how to get there—to walk with them every step,” she says.

At Newport, Ms. Lopez-Kopp helps students with

- post-secondary planning,
- exploring college and career options,
- WANIC information (career training in high school),
- finding jobs now and after graduation,
- applying to college,
- scholarships and financial aid,
- and more.

Experience with college students offers insight for teens

“I was new to high schools when I started at Newport three years ago. For ten years prior to that I worked with community college and university-level students.

“Helping college students transition into post-secondary academic life and culture, I learned what was ahead for our high school students and what they would need to thrive,” she says.

All our students have access at home to her best tool.

“I use Naviance A LOT when working with students. My page on the Newport website also offers resource information <https://bsd405.org/nhs/counseling/career-center/> that families can use to work together at home,” Ms. Lopez-Kopp says.

Start early & take your time to explore

Her best advice for these and other resources, “Start early!”

“Honestly, Naviance is an amazing tool for exploration and tracking planning and application activity,” Ms. Lopez-Kopp says.

Families can use the student's account or log in as a parent.

"FYI, parent view is a little limited, so I recommend exploring Naviance together using the student's account," she adds.

Another resource is attending college fairs like [PNACAC](#). The fair offers an informative and varied place to hear from multiple colleges at once and start exploring options.

Corps offers free help to students with application essays

Students working on their personal statement can receive feedback and editing support from our College Corps team. If students send Ms. Lopez-Kopp a Word document with their essay (including the writing prompt and word count limit), I share that with one of College Corps volunteers. These trained volunteers send back edits and direction for students.

Students can use the College Corp resource as many times as needed.

Now that we're virtual, the best way to reach Ms. Lopez-Kopp is an email or chat through Teams. When we get back to campus, students are more than welcome to stop by her office in the library.