Upper School Jump Start Program

Jump Start 9

Jump Start is designed to help students address the challenges that come with transitioning into the upper school when they must cope with the demands of a more rigorous academic environment. Jump Start places a strong emphasis on study skills and test preparation. As the work load steadily increases, students receive guidance towards recognizing and managing teachers’ expectations. Jump Start teachers also help students to balance their academic and social lives.

Jump Start 10

In tenth grade, Jump Start teachers focus on students’ specific needs, providing guidance while letting the students navigate more independently. Students are faced with meeting the demands of a more rigorous academic environment, which emphasizes vocabulary, reading comprehension, writing skills, and study strategies. Students continue to receive guidance towards recognizing and managing teachers’ expectations, in addition to balancing their academic and social lives.

Jump Start 11

In eleventh grade, Jump Start students should be well on their way towards mastering independence. Jump Start teachers continue to focus on students’ specific needs, providing guidance while letting the students navigate more independently. With the pressures of applying to colleges and universities, eleventh grade is a challenging academic year, and Jump Start helps students to master the challenges that they face during this school year.
As seniors, Jump Start students should have mastered their independence with little monitoring. The focus is then based on ensuring a seamless transition from high school to college in order to prepare for inevitable challenges in a more academically rigorous environment.