

# Gretchen Nordleaf-Nelson

## Thoughtful College Guidance, Academic Coaching, and Exploring Beyond College Pathways

### Welcome

Choosing guidance for your student is an act of trust. I work with students and families seeking a calm, ethical, and deeply personalized approach to academic planning, college guidance, and post-high school decision-making. My work is grounded in reflection, authentic student voice, and thoughtful planning.

### College Guidance

Academic and extracurricular planning, college exploration, application strategy, essay coaching, interview preparation, and organizational support. College guidance is approached as an educational process that helps students better understand themselves and their goals.

### Academic Coaching

Support for executive functioning, planning, organization, study skills, writing development, academic confidence, accountability, and long-term success.

### Exploring Beyond College Pathways

Support for students considering gap years, vocational and technical programs, service opportunities, creative pathways, entrepreneurship, career exploration, and other alternatives to a traditional four-year college pathway.

### IB-Informed Support

Guidance for Extended Essay, Theory of Knowledge, Internal Assessments, CAS, IB Language & Literature, and IB Theatre. Support is provided within clear ethical boundaries that honor authenticity and academic integrity.

### My Approach

Families can expect student-centered guidance, clear communication, ethical practices, thoughtful planning, and respect for individual pathways. Student work remains the student's own work.

### About Gretchen

I bring more than thirty years of experience as an educator, advisor, mentor, IB Coordinator, CAS Coordinator, IB Language & Literature teacher, and IB Theatre teacher to the process. I am a parent of four children, each with a unique educational journey.

### Begin the Conversation

Finding the right pathway begins with a conversation. Families are invited to schedule an introductory meeting to discuss goals, questions, and next steps.

Contact me to take the next step -

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**Helping students navigate high school, post-secondary planning, and future pathways  
with clarity, integrity, and care.**