

Qingdao, China

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We are parents from Qingdao, China. During our daughter's application for U.S. high school of 2016, we were so lucky to have Ms. Claire Law, a very experienced expert as our counselor, who brought a perfect ending for our daughter's application for 9th grade boarding school.

Our daughter Annie Guo always ranked in the top 10% at a public middle school which has very good reputation in our city. She did not have any special training in TOEFL or SSAT. We decided to apply U.S. boarding high school in mid. October 2015 which was quite late actually. We visited almost all the related agents at our city, all suggested to attend TOEFL test only and apply for day school only, as it was really late.

But the more we learned about U.S. day high schools, the more we wanted our daughter to enroll at a U.S. boarding school which offers all the support services an international student needs. But boarding schools are much more difficult to apply. We felt that boarding school was our top choice. However, Annie did not have a very high TOEFL score given the short time and part time preparation. The local agent we signed with could not target good boarding schools at all, they could not even get an interview for Annie with good boarding schools. However, our daughter had been doing very well in all her classes, getting good grades, and we felt that she had a very good potentiality in learning English. It would have been such a pity if she had to enroll at those boarding schools recommended by the local agent which did not match her academically, and did not provide for her after school and on weekends. So an atmosphere of confusion, hopelessness and anxiety began spreading in our family.

At the end of Dec., through an American friend, we were so lucky to hear of Ms. Claire Law of Educational Avenues Inc., in South Carolina. She is a very experienced expert of U.S. boarding school and colleges, who took lots of time to get to know us and our daughter. Then she recommended Westover School for our daughter, a wonderful, all-girls boarding school that fit our daughter well. It's beyond our satisfaction, even though Annie's standardized score were not very high. Claire Law presented Annie's strengths and real potential to the school.

After several emails between us, Ms. Claire continuously communicated with Annie face to face through Skype, which is how she got to assess Annie's personality, character, academic level as well

as her English proficiency. She saw her potential and translated it to the schools. Even before we signed a contract with her, Ms. Claire already began to contact with some boarding schools, recommended our daughter to the admission teams, and also made schedules for Skype interviews and campus visits of schools for us. Immediately after signing contract, Ms. Claire emailed us to prepare for Skype interview of Westover School and visit of Westover School in early Feb. This is a very high level boarding school beyond our dreams, as Annie did not attend SSAT at that time and her TOEFL score was not high. However, they trusted Ms. Claire Law and her recommendation so much that they accepted our application and skipped the Vericant interview. Meanwhile, Ms. Claire also asked Annie to prepare to attend SSAT which is required by all good boarding schools and she even assisted Annie to book the tickets to attend SSAT at Pomfret School during our early February campus visit and interview.

During this period, Ms. Claire kept communication lines open with us by email and by Skype 1-2 hours twice a week, recommending other boarding schools that fit our daughter. Due to 12 thru 13 hours time difference, this is all her rest time! We were so moved by her professional attitudes. She always gave us heads up strategy in each step, also surprisingly, she gave Annie English training through Skype at least twice a week to give her tips for TOEFL, SSAT, correction of words pronunciation, essay writing, spoken English and interview tips!

During our campus visit and interview in end Jan. and early Feb., Ms. Claire communicated with Annie almost on a daily basis. As she is based at very southern state of South Carolina she could not visit the schools, with us together and the schools we applied all located in New England area. Every day she tried to give Annie 2-3 hours training for SSAT, give her tip on how to behave at school visit and interview face to face with admission officers, tried hard to give Annie full confidence to show herself as much as she can. She also asked Annie to make notes for every aspects of each different school we visited to compare later to make final decision. She also taught Annie to write emails and postcards to the school tour guides and the admission officers to express her gratitude. Meanwhile, she kept close contact with the schools for any feedbacks and continuous recommendation for Annie.

After all the schools campus visits and interviews done, all our family thought unanimously that Westover School was our dream school. However, we understood that our daughter's standardized scores were at disadvantage among hundreds of candidates from China and it was really extraordinarily difficult for her to be accepted by Westover School. Ms. Claire trusted Annie had much poten-

tiality than her standardized scores after their hours of Skype as well as personality analysis. So she kept strongly recommending Annie to Westover to consider and she put her words for Annie based on her very good relationship with Westover School.

Ms. Claire kept trying to assist Annie by Skype every weekend to improve her English until after one month waiting in anxiety one night in early March, it was quite late, Ms. Claire told us that Annie was accepted by Westover School. We just could not believe our ears. We knew it was all her hard work and her words that made it! However, she said it was because the school recognized the gifts and contributions that our daughter could bring to the table.

After that Ms. Claire kept talking with Annie every weekend, assisted to recommend English books list as well as U.S. Summer school, recommend self-study all grades classes website etc. to improve English and make preparation for Annie's study in U.S. high school.

Our whole family was so grateful to Ms. Claire for all she had done for us especially for Annie. She made our daughter's dream come true. She was crucial for our successful application. In our half year U.S. boarding school application experience, we now are fully aware of that finding the best professional counselor like Ms. Claire Law in U.S. is the most important thing. She possesses all of what a perfect counselor should be. She is really warm-hearted, very kind, super professional. She knows so well each and every boarding school, her over 20 years experience in Education and College admission makes her a very trustworthy advisor. The boarding schools admission teams trust her so much.

All our family is so much moved by Ms. Claire's hard-working spirit and professional advice. These three months with Ms. Claire is the most important and precious experience in our life. We were so lucky to have Ms. Claire as our counselor!

We will recommend Ms. Claire Law to each parent of those who are applying for U.S. high school.

Lena Wang (mother)

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