

COLLEGE READINESS FOR PARENTS: GETTING YOUR STUDENT READY FOR COLLEGE

Academic Readiness	Financial Readiness	Admissions Readiness	Career Readiness	Personal and Social Readiness
<p>Establish a grow mindset Help your child understand that intelligence is not fixed and that with effort and support he or she can do better even in subjects that don't come easily.</p> <p>Read, Read, Read Encourage your child to read, read, and read. Spend 20 to 30 minutes a day reading.</p> <p>Establish time for homework (without TV, cell phones, and other distractions). Encourage your child to review notes or readings from school.</p> <p>Stay connected with school Attend parent-teacher conferences. Keep informed about your child's progress. Log in to see how your child is doing in classes. Choose challenging classes for your child. Develop a rapport with your child's counselor.</p> <p>Avoid the senior slump Enroll your child in at least one class that offers college credit such as Advance Placement, Dual Credit, or UTonRamps.</p> <p>Know your Child's Endorsement Plan And program of Study</p>	<p>Learn about the Options Understand what options are available to pay for college.</p> <p>Attend College Fairs and Financial Aid workshops Attend with your child when possible and encourage your child to go even if you cannot attend. Help your child do research on colleges and scholarships available.</p> <p>Complete a sample FAFSA Financial aid form to get an estimate of college costs. Most students receive some form of financial aid (grants, loans, work study, etc.)</p> <p>Help your child prepare a budget for college. Determine how much he or she plans to spend on housing, food, supplies, and entertainment during college.</p> <p>Determine a plan to cover the cost of postsecondary education. You will want your child to complete FAFSA in October of their Senior year.</p> <p>For help, see 'Paying' at www.getreadyforcollege.org</p>	<p>Begin college planning early. Find out about different types of colleges in your area. For help, see 'Preparing and Selecting' at www.getreadyforcollege.org</p> <p>Explore the academic requirements for the type of institution your child wants to attend. Typically four-year colleges require: 4 years of math (Algebra II) 4 years of English 3 or 4 years of Science 2 years of foreign language 4 years of social studies 1 year fine arts</p> <p>Have your child take the SAT or ACT test Junior year, or early senior year.</p> <p>Visit College campuses and college fairs with your child.</p> <p>Submit college applications in fall of your child's senior year.</p>	<p>Discuss with your child the benefits of postsecondary education, including its connection with income and quality of life, and how it can help them achieve their career goals.</p> <p>Find out your child's career interests. Ask your child: What will he/she be doing in 5 years from now? Ten years from now?</p> <p>Talk to school counselor about career interest inventories that can help your child find careers that fit his or her interests.</p> <p>Look at your child's hobbies and co-curricular activities-talk about related jobs.</p> <p>Talk with school counselor or teacher about the classes and college education needed to prepare for his/her career.</p>	<p>Establish a growth mindset Remember that effort produces better results.</p> <p>Praise your child's effort and persistence, especially when facing challenges.</p> <p>Help your child set goals regarding his or her behavior, time management and academic work.</p> <p>Tell your children how much you value education, and show your pride in their achievements.</p> <p>Encourage your child to see help .when needed from peers and teachers, or form study groups.</p>