

PARENT CHECKLIST

How to Help Your Student Get to College

Before High School

- Decide on a savings plan
- Support learning and extracurriculars
- Support good education habits
- Help them set goals
- Create a calendar together
- Keep them involved and engaged in their interests
- Enroll in state college grant programs

9th Grade

- Support the transition to high school
- Talk to your child about financial health

11th Grade

- Create a calendar
- Decide SAT vs ACT
- Plan college visits
- Research scholarships and grants



Each Year of High School

- Set goals for the year
- Support their interests and strengths
- Remind them to schedule meetings with their high school counselor
- Schedule next year's classes
- Evaluate your student's extracurriculars
- Discuss ideas for the summer

10th Grade

- Learn about the PSAT
- Discuss AP and Dual Credit classes
- Talk about paying for college
- Make a college wish list together

12th Grade

- Review college choices and have them apply by January 1st
- Have them retake the ACT or SAT by December
- Complete the FAFSA ASAP after October 1st
- Help them apply to scholarships
- Be supportive
- Review financial aid
- Have them submit their decision by May 1st