

College Ready Parent Action Plan: Middle School



It's never too early to start talking about college! Middle school is important because your child is developing an academic foundation and forming study habits. Here are some things you and your child can do to make the most of this time:

- Help your child set goals for the year. Working toward specific goals will help your child stay motivated and focused.
- Make a plan to check in regularly about schoolwork. Celebrate success and work through struggles together. Read **homework tips for your child** below!
- Talk about extracurricular activities. Getting involved in clubs and other groups is a great way for your child to identify interests and feel more engaged in school. Read more about **the benefits of extracurriculars**.
- Come up with fun reading ideas. Look for magazines or newspapers your child may like and talk about the books as a family. If your family makes reading enjoyable, it can become a daily habit.
- Visit a nearby college together. If you live near a college, look for upcoming events on campus that are open to the community.
- Get the big picture on paying for college. It's not too early to learn the basics of **financial aid**.