

9th  
Grade

# Preparing for College and Post-Secondary Success Parent Checklist

Important ways  
you can  
support your  
child

If your child has a dream of college and rewarding careers, you can help them make that dream come true. If you aren't sure how, you can use these checklists to help your child stay on track to achieve their academic goals

Excelling in school  
matters -  
Good study habits  
make a difference



## Help your student to EXCEL

- Do well in school
- Take the right classes
- Get organized

## Emphasize your student's need to continue to do well in school ✓

- ( ) Help your student set goals and plans for the academic year.
- ( ) Attendance and grades matter, so emphasize the importance of attending every day and review their grades with them regularly.
- ( ) Be vocal about your expectations about their progress.
- ( ) Help your student stay organized and develop a homework routine, if they don't already have one.
- ( ) Talk to the school counselor at your student's school to make sure your student is on track to graduate.

## ENGAGE with your student about important topics

- Get involved
- Spend time with good people
- Make good choices

## Provide guidance to help your student stay on a positive track ✓

- ( ) Get involved in your student's school and encourage them to participate in afterschool activities.
- ( ) Get to know your student's friends and their parents.
- ( ) Help your student understand appropriate behavior on social media platforms.
- ( ) Share your expectations and the risks of behaviors like drinking, doing drugs and having sex.

## EXPLORE with your student

- Explore college and career training options
- Learn about paying for college

## College is affordable ✓

- ( ) Talk with your student about future goals and help make a plan.
- ( ) Start thinking about attending college fairs and visiting local colleges.
- ( ) Learn about ways to pay for college such as scholarships and Federal Financial Aid if eligible.
- ( ) Create a college savings account and encourage your student to contribute to it from part-time or summer jobs.

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## Help your student to EXCEL

- Do well in school
- Take the right Classes
- Get organized
- Prepare for college admissions or trade school entry tests

Keep doing well and  
stay on track!

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- ( ) Help your student stay organized and develop a homework routine if they don't already have one
- ( ) Talk to the staff at your student's school to make sure your student is on track to graduate.
- ( ) Help your student practice good written and oral communications skills.
- ( ) Encourage your student to take the ACT or PSAT.

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- ( ) Start thinking about attending college fairs and visiting local colleges.
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- ( ) Create a college savings account and encourage your student to contribute to it from part-time or summer jobs.

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