Preparing for College and Post-Secondary Success
PARENT & FAMILY CHECKLIST
Help your student achieve their academic goals!

EMPHASIZE your student’s need to continue to do well in school

❑ Help your student set goals and plans for the academic year.
❑ Emphasize the importance of attending school every day.
❑ Review schoolwork and grades with your student regularly.
❑ Be vocal about your expectations for your student’s academic progress.
❑ Support your student by helping them adopt good study habits.
❑ Talk to your student’s school counselor to make sure your student is on track to graduate and possibly on track for a Bright Futures Scholarship.
❑ Discuss taking an honors or advanced course with your student.
❑ Encourage your student to take the PSAT.

ENGAGE with your student about important topics

❑ Get involved in your student’s school and encourage participation in afterschool activities, clubs, community service or sports.
❑ Get to know your student’s friends and their families.
❑ Help your student understand appropriate behavior on social media.
❑ Share your expectations and explain the possible consequences of risky behaviors like drinking, drugs, etc.

EXPLORE with your student

❑ Talk with your student about future goals and help them create a plan.
❑ Encourage your student to start thinking about attending college and career fairs and visiting local colleges.
❑ Learn about ways to pay for college such as scholarships and Federal Financial Aid if eligible.
❑ Create a post-secondary education savings account and encourage your student to contribute to it from part-time or summer jobs.

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