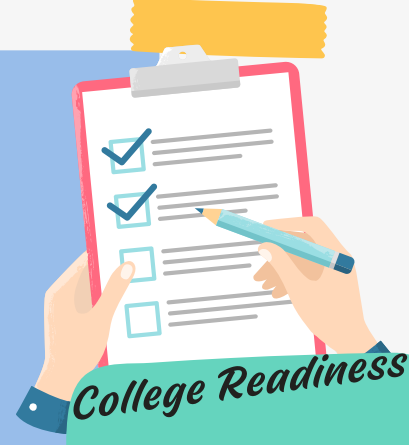


COLLEGE PREP Starter Pack

Welcome !

Preparing for college can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools and a clear plan, you'll be ahead of the game. Whether you're in 8th grade just starting to think about college or a high school senior finalizing your applications, these resources will guide you every step of the way.



*College Readiness
Checklist*



Goal Setting Worksheet



About This Starter Pack

This starter pack is designed to help you stay organized, set goals, and track your progress toward college success.



GENERATION ASSISTANCE
SOWING SEEDS

COLLEGE READINESS CHECKLIST

8TH & 9TH GRADE

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Build strong study habits and organizational skills.

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Explore different extracurricular activities to find what interests you.

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Start researching potential career paths and college majors.

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Maintain good grades and challenge yourself academically.

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Talk to your school counselor about advanced coursework options.

10TH GRADE

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Take the PSAT to get familiar with standardized testing.

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Continue participating in extracurriculars and explore leadership roles.

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Attend local college fairs or virtual info sessions.

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Start keeping a list of potential colleges you're interested in.

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Research summer programs or internships related to your interests.



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11TH GRADE

- ☐ Take the SAT or ACT (and retake if necessary).
- ☐ Visit colleges (in-person or virtually) and take notes on what you like.
- ☐ Start drafting your personal statement and college essays.
- ☐ Build relationships with teachers for recommendation letters.
- ☐ Research scholarships and financial aid opportunities.

12TH GRADE

- ☐ Finalize your college list and keep track of deadlines.
- ☐ Submit applications for early decision, early action, or regular decision.
- ☐ Complete the FAFSA and CSS Profile for financial aid.
- ☐ Apply for scholarships and financial aid opportunities.
- ☐ Compare college acceptance offers and financial aid packages.
- ☐ Make your final college decision and submit your deposit.
- ☐ Prepare for college life (budgeting, packing, and time management skills).

Goal Setting Worksheet

MY COLLEGE AND CAREER GOALS

Career Interest(s)

Potential College Major(s)

Dream College(s)



GPA Goal

Standardized Test Goal

SAT: _____

ACT: _____

PSAT: _____

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EXTRACURRICULAR GOALS

Club(s)

Leadership

Sports



Goal Setting Worksheet

ACTION ITEMS TO REACH MY GOALS

Short-Term Goals (Next 6 months)

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____



Long-Term Goals (Next 1-3 Years)

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
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A stylized illustration of a purple piggy bank. A gold coin with a dollar sign is being inserted into the top slot. In front of the piggy bank is a rolled-up diploma tied with a gold ribbon and a black graduation cap with a gold tassel. The background is a solid orange color.

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