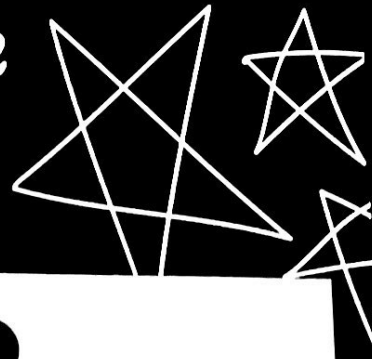




College Prep Tips for the Middle School Parent



Communication is Key!

Interests & Skills:

What do you enjoy learning/doing? What are you good at?

Careers:

Help your student connect interests and skills to different careers.

Education:

Talk about the required education for those careers.

College:

Help your student research colleges and discuss benefits of college.

Dialogue:

Facilitate conversations between your student and diverse people in their lives.

Get Involved:

Find ways for your student to get involved in their community.

High School Options

Magnet Schools, Career & Technical Academies, and Select Schools

- Learning opportunities related to various themes
- Improve student achievement
- Promote diversity
- College and career awareness
- Some industry certifications
- Marketable 21st century skills

Visit www.magnet.ccsd.net for more information such as school sites, academic programs, application process, transportation, and much more!

How to Help Cover College Costs

Nevada Treasurer's Office:

Visit www.nvigate.gov for a wealth of information regarding college savings programs (i.e. 529, Silver State Matching Grant, Nevada Prepaid Tuition, etc.), scholarships, and much more!

Loans:

Money borrowed (from the federal government or a loan company) to pay for school. Loans allow many students to complete college, but there are options you should look into first.

Grants:

Money provided by the federal government or a company to students who need financial help.

Scholarships:

Money given to a student because of something they've done particularly well. It's never too early to start talking to your student about how to earn free money for college!

Nevada Millennium Scholarship

Who: Provided by the Nevada Treasurer's Office to eligible students who plan to attend a public, in-state college.

What: Students can receive up to \$10,000 over six years. *At UNLV, \$2,400 a year if student takes 15 credits.

How: Student must live in Nevada for 2+ years before high school. Student must have GPA of 3.25+ or ACT score of 21. Student must take 4 years of English and math; 3 years of science and social studies.

Come Visit UNLV!

Go on a campus tour. Attend an athletic event.

Watch a play. Enjoy a concert.

Sign your student up for a summer camp!

If your family enjoys the outdoors... go for a run, walk the dogs, have a picnic!

Visit our website to learn more.

www.unlv.edu/admissions/campustours

Class Selection

Math:

- Research shows that students who take algebra (8th grade) and geometry (9th grade) are much more likely to go on to college than students who do not.

English, Science, Social Studies & History:

- Students should take English every year in middle and high school. Encourage your student to take as many science, social studies, and history classes as possible to help prepare them for college.

Foreign Language:

- Students should take at least 2 years of the same foreign language during high school. Taking a foreign language shows colleges that a student is serious and willing to learn beyond the basics.

Honors, IB, & AP:

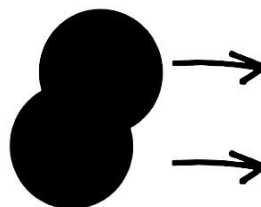
- Help your student choose the most rigorous course of study that they can perform well in.

Consider the College Admissions Process:

ACT/SAT Prep

The ACT does not define your student's future.

The ACT does impact your student's college options.



Objective Review

Considers standard admission criteria such as GPA and test scores.

Holistic Review:

Considers the whole applicant, not just grades and test scores.

Read:

- Most standardized tests require a lot of reading, especially the ACT. When your student finishes reading a passage or chapters for homework, ask questions about the main idea, author's purpose, etc.

Study Habits:

- Help your student determine what to study and "CHECK" in. C- Consider location. H- Have all materials on hand. E- Establish rewards. C- Create a study checklist. K- Keep a worry pad.

Test-Taking Strategies:

- Help reduce your student's test anxiety and improve their attitude toward tests by studying for 20 minutes each night leading up to the test instead of cramming the night before.

Resources:

- Utilize your resources! Ask for sample tests, help your student get tutoring, ask about testing accommodations if your student has a disability, and communicate often with teachers and counselors.

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