

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE IN HIGH SCHOOL

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Many high school students dream of attending college, and college can be a great investment for your future, depending on the career path you would like to take. Even though college may seem far, there are many things you can do now that may prepare you to succeed in your future. By creating good habits in high school and starting your research early will pay off, and when the time comes you will be more than ready!

COLLEGE SEARCH

Begin your college search as soon as possible! Decide what you are looking for in a school like size, location, programs, etc. If possible, schedule in-person or virtual visits to the schools you are interested in! Do your research, and make a list of the schools you like the most, and find out more about things like their average test scores, acceptance rate, and financial aid.

LEARN HOW TO TAKE NOTES

In college it is important to be an organized and responsible student, and part of that is achieved by having good note-taking skills. The purpose of college is to get information that will help you in your future career. Taking good notes is an essential part of college and career success. Find a method in high school that works for you so that you will be more than prepared in college.

VOLUNTEER AND SERVE

It is always important to serve and help your community! Not only will your volunteer work look good on a scholarship application, but it will also provide you with work and social skills that can help with your career. Start doing community service now, and continue throughout college. You may find that you have a passion for serving others!

GET ORGANIZED

In college, you learn more content in shorter periods of time. The best way to prepare for this is to learn how to be organized. Use a calendar to keep track of assignments and due dates. Having a calendar to keep track of assignments and exams will alleviate a lot of stress, and will also allow you to manage your time better!

TESTING

If your potential college requires them, you should begin taking or studying for the ACT, SAT, or PSAT as soon as possible. Colleges look at these scores as a factor for admission, so you will want to get the highest score that you can. You can find many free resources to prepare you for the tests!

SCHOLARSHIPS

Paying for college isn't easy. That is why it is important to start searching for scholarships as soon as possible! You can find a scholarship for almost anything, and many of them only require a simple application or essay. By starting the search for scholarships early, you will be ahead of the game when it comes to paying for college,

DON'T STRESS

Preparing for college is stressful. Honestly, even high school is stressful. To avoid unnecessary stress, start preparing for college early. If things don't go the way you planned, don't panic, adapt! Set goals, and work to achieve them. College prep may not be easy, but in the end it will all be worth it.