

PATHS TO SUCCESS



HOW TO JUMPSTART YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE

You want to help your child be ready and excited for high school and beyond. The good news is, success is not a destination—it's a journey with multiple paths, whether it leads to a four-year college or a technical program.

DID YOU KNOW?

According to [research](#), being on track in 9th grade is the greatest predictor of high school graduation.

To get a gut check on your middle schooler's math and reading skills, have them take the Readiness Check. As part of the results, you get videos and activities to support learning at home!

[Get the Readiness Check here](#)

Action steps to help your child be ready for high school and beyond.

KNOW THE MILESTONES:

- ✓ Check in regularly (even virtually) with your teen's teachers and counselors on a plan for high school graduation.
- ✓ Know application deadlines and take relevant tests.

This can keep your child motivated and improve grades.

NURTURE LIFE SKILLS:

- ✓ Lean into how your teen is feeling—for example, ask them to share their high and low points of the day.
- ✓ Get support to strengthen life skills like organization, communication and managing stress.

These skills help during key decision points throughout school, career, and the challenges along the way.

REFLECT ON INTERESTS:

- ✓ Talk to your teens about their passions and the kinds of jobs that interest them. Ask them questions like "What makes you happy?" "Is there a career you want to learn more about?"

Help them see the connection between the choices they make now and their future.



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CONSIDER CLASS CHOICES:

- ✓ Find classes based on interest and level, such as career and technical education (CTE) or advanced placement (AP) in high school. Both can save time and money in college.
- ✓ Completing Algebra 1 sets them up for next level classes and useful skills, no matter their career choice.

Strong education is the foundation to a fulfilling career.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO PLAN AHEAD:

- ✓ Explore financial aid and FAFSA works.
- ✓ Research smaller colleges that can offer a great education and more scholarship opportunities.

Learn about the process for transferring schools.