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Find Your Passion
Do what you love.
Use your strengths.

Build Your Toolkit
Develop 21st Century skills.

Map Your Journey
Design your plan with a mentor.
You are on the path to success!

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Your Journey

Early Childhood

- Get ready for Kindergarten

Elementary School

- Build a solid foundation
  Read at least 25 books a year

Middle School

- Get involved in arts, sports, student gov't, community volunteering, etc.
- Develop strong study habits — your grades in 9th grade go on your college application
- Take challenging courses: English, algebra, foreign language, technology
- Talk to your family about ways to pay for college

Keep your grades up — you will have more options

grade 8

- Take a career interest inventory
- Visit college.gov now is the time to start planning!

Take algebra 1

- Pursue extracurricular activites

Take the ACT EXPLORE test

grade 9

High School Core Courses

- 4 years of English
- 4 years of Math
- 3 years of Science
- 2 years of Foreign Languages
- 3 years of Social Studies
- 1 year of Computer Science

- Talk to your counselor or other adults about college

Take at least 2 college preparatory classes

- Take a foreign language

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- Create a file — keep copies of report cards, awards and honors, and community activities

Start thinking about colleges you want to attend

grade 10

- Learn about paying for college
- Review course requirements & schedules
- Talk to your counselor or other adults about college
- Update your file
- Create a resume including extracurricular activities and enrichment programs

Take the PSAT or ACT PLAN

grade 11

- Attend college fairs
- Talk to counselor about which ACT/SAT tests to take.
- Meet the deadlines to register for exams
- Take classes that offer college credit (AP, IB, PSEO, etc.)

Maintaining GOOD grades during junior year is especially important

grade 12

- Refine your list of colleges to match personality, GPA and test scores
- Update your file — add new report cards and test scores
- Tour colleges online or in person
- Prepare your essays
- Check your transcripts to make sure you have all the credits you need

- File the FAFSA on or after Jan 1. Compare financial aid/ scholarship offers
- Submit your college application on time
- Select your final list of schools & check application deadlines
- Take your final SAT/ACT tests

- Make your decision/ send a deposit

1, 2 or 4-year college ▶▶ **Lifelong Learning**

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