

Tips to get into college for both parents and students

Grade	Parent	Student
10th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage your child to take the PSAT in October. <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure your child maintains A & B grades. <input type="checkbox"/> Have your child repeat any A-G classes where she/he received a grade of D or F in 9th grade. <input type="checkbox"/> Help your child balance out academic and extracurricular activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Review your child's class schedule to make sure he/she is taking the right classes as well as Honors and AP. <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage your child to participate in summer academic enriching activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Register for the PSAT in October. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to fine tune your study and time management skills. <input type="checkbox"/> Repeat any A-G classes where you received a grade of D or F in 9th grade. <input type="checkbox"/> Review your schedule to make sure you are taking the required classes for 4 year colleges as well as Honors and APs. <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain A & B grades. Repeat any D and F grade if necessary. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit the college/career center at your school. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to participate in extracurricular activities.
11th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage your child to take the PSAT in October. This is the year that counts! <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure your child maintains A & B grades. <input type="checkbox"/> Help your child explore colleges and careers. <input type="checkbox"/> Review your child's class schedule to make sure he/she is taking the right classes as well as Honors and AP. <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage your child to participate in summer academic enriching activities (i.e. summer programs, college classes, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Have your child take advantage of the last summer before 12th grade. <input type="checkbox"/> Talk to your child's counselor to make sure he/she is on track to graduate and apply to 4 year colleges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Register for the PSAT in October. This is the year that counts for scholarship purposes! <input type="checkbox"/> Challenge yourself to take Honor and AP classes. <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain A & B grades. Repeat any D and F grade if necessary. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit the college/career center at your school at least once a month. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to participate in extracurricular activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Take community college classes. <input type="checkbox"/> Register to take your SAT and ACT test during spring. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin your college and scholarship list and practice application. <input type="checkbox"/> Work on your college essays during the summer.
12th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure your child and you meet with the college counselor to plan the college and financial aid application process. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit the college counselor at the beginning of the year to make a plan and learn the necessary steps during senior year. <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage your child to apply to a variety of colleges. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend all parent meeting sponsored by your school relating to college. <input type="checkbox"/> Help your child keep track of all the deadlines for scholarships, applications, and financial aid. <input type="checkbox"/> Help your child apply for financial aid. <input type="checkbox"/> Get help! If you think your child needs help with his/her application ask for help. <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage your child during the waiting period in the spring. <input type="checkbox"/> Let your child choose the best college based on the right fit. <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage your child to keep their options open and to visit college campuses. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Visit your college counselor and office on a weekly basis! New information and scholarships arrive daily! <input type="checkbox"/> Take your SAT and ACT test during the fall. Remember that some colleges want you to take all your exams by December of your senior year. <input type="checkbox"/> Learn and create a list of all the exam, college, and financial aid deadlines for the year. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for colleges and universities during the fall. UC System – Nov. 1-Nov. 30 CSU System – Oct. 1-Nov. 30 Private- varies <input type="checkbox"/> Before you submit your college application have a college representative review it. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin to apply for scholarships. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for financial aid on time. FAFSA – Jan. 1 – March 2nd Cal Grant – Jan 1 – March 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> Be patient – you will learn about college acceptances in late spring. <input type="checkbox"/> Make sure to read and follow instructions accurately. <input type="checkbox"/> Do not miss deadlines!!!!

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