

TOP TIPS FOR PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

1. Talk to your child and do it often
2. Get Started with your Budget if it is not in order.
3. Research Colleges, Scholarships and Grants
4. Keep note of important entrance exams
5. Ask for help

6. Start looking for Colleges and Universities (NOT all inclusive)
 - i) Freshman Year – Take the PSAT, TSI, and inventory quizzes (sometimes called Career Quizzes). *Dual Enrollment Classes might be available
Discuss the results with your child, are they considering this career as a strong choice? Look for colleges/universities that offer these types of career courses. Are they close to home? Away from home? Will transportation be needed? Start planning and setting a possible cost for year one of college.
Talk to your high school counselor about the types of classes you will like your child to Child's Endorsement Path (STISD encourages every student to get all endorsements)
Encourage your child to Keep their GPA high. Encourage them to go to tutoring and to have open communication with their teachers. Both Parent and Child should JOIN CLUBS early and participate.
 - ii) Sophomore Year- Take the SAT/ACT and reevaluate your career quizzes. Take AP classes and Dual Enrollment Classes
Start thinking about summer programs that the School, District or Community offer that will increase your knowledge.
Talk to your counselor at least once each semester. Ask questions about possible scholarships available. Check the School website, and Hall monitors for information.
Keep your GPA high. Go to tutoring and have open communication with your teachers. Both Parent and Child should JOIN CLUBS early and participate.
Continue Saving for year two of college.
 - iii) Junior Year- Take SAT/ACT and reevaluate your career quizzes. As in your previous years. Talk to your child. Keep up with the Testing Schedules. Make sure to pass all STARR exams **This is an important year for your GPA. Keep your GPA high. Go to tutoring and have open communication with your teachers. Both Parent and Child should JOIN CLUBS early and participate.**
Continue Saving for year three of college.
 - iv) Senior Year- First Semester is super important for your GPA and ranking. Make sure you have finished all tests. Study for your Certification Exams **Keep your GPA high. Go to tutoring and have open communication with your teachers. Both Parent and Child should JOIN CLUBS early and participate.**
Continue Saving for year four of college.

Pages Used in Presentation

Page 1: Lots of Information about College planning*an official website of the US gov.
<https://www.usa.gov/financial-aid>

Page 2: Information about College for all Texans
<http://www.collegeforalltexans.com/apps/collegecosts.cfm?Type=1&Level=+1>

Page 3: Other costs
Food: SNAP benefits <https://justharvest.org/college-student-eligibility-for-snap-food-stamps/>
7 ways to score free food in College
<https://money.usnews.com/money/blogs/my-money/articles/2016-08-17/7-ways-to-score-free-food-in-college>

Other Texas SNAP info not on ppt
<https://www.hhs.texas.gov/services/food/snap-ed>

Page 6: US Dept of Education Apply for Scholarships and Loans
<https://www2.ed.gov/students/college/apply/edpicks.ihtml?src=ln>

Page 6: Online Scholarship Sites
Comparison of various online scholarship sites
<https://www.goingmerry.com/blog/best-scholarship-websites/>

More on Page 6:
Various types of scholarships
<https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/scholarships>
Forbes 9 best scholarship sites
<https://www.forbes.com/advisor/student-loans/best-scholarship-websites/>

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Texas Savings Plan/ 529 savings plan info
<https://www.texascollegesavings.com/>

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Difference between subsidized and unsubsidized loan

<https://efinancemanagement.com/sources-of-finance/subsidized-vs-unsubsidized-loan>

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Financial Education for Budgeting and Paying for Higher Education:

Go to:

www.Everfi.com/student and create an account

Enter the join code:

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Most importantly go to our school website to see any scholarships or upcoming parent meetings.

<https://medicalprofessions.stisd.net/students>