PARENT CHECKLIST

JUNIOR YEAR

[ ] Ensure that your student meets with a College Now advisor and school counselor.

[ ] Talk about your student’s goals and priorities for after high school graduation.

[ ] Support your student in taking the ACT or the SAT by helping them plan a date that works with their schedule. Make sure they prepare for the test. Help them get enough rest before the test. Follow up and ask about their test score.

[ ] Attend College Now key events for juniors, as well as sessions about college and careers.

[ ] Attend parent-teacher conferences. Make sure to take a look at the report card and ask about your student’s GPA.

[ ] Familiarize yourself with financial aid and the college admission processes.

[ ] Help your student build on their resume. Support them in registering for school activities, summer jobs, or volunteering.

[ ] Help your student explore majors and potential career fields through practice (support their attendance at major’s fair, internships, shadowing, etc.).

[ ] Support your student’s attending college fairs, post-secondary informational sessions, and college visits (in-person or virtually).

[ ] Help your students think about college or other pathways after high school. Make a list of potential colleges, universities, military options, or trade schools that they may be interested in.

[ ] See if you can visit any colleges or trade schools with your students. Work together and plan a trip.

[ ] Review your student’s resume again and make sure it’s ready to be used for applications.

[ ] Make sure that you have your taxes prepared and ready for reviewing financial aid and scholarship options.

[ ] Encourage your student to start exploring and applying for scholarships.

SENIOR YEAR

[ ] Ensure that your student meets with a College Now advisor and school counselor.

[ ] If your student hasn’t taken the ACT or SAT, support your student in taking the ACT or the SAT by helping them plan a date that works with their schedule. Make sure they prepare for the test. Help them get enough rest before the test. Follow up and ask about their test score.

[ ] Review your student’s goals and priorities for after graduation.

[ ] Support your student in attending college fairs, post-secondary informational sessions, and college visits (in-person or virtually).
Help your students think about college or other pathways after high school. Make a list of potential colleges, universities, military options, or trade schools that they may be interested in attending.

Help your student solidify their after-graduation plans.

Review your student's college, military, or trade school applications and deadlines. Support your student with the application process by providing documentation, helping with fees, and mailing applications.

Prepare to help your student with financial aid and the college admissions process.

Apply for financial aid with the Free Application for Student Aid [studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid](http://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid).

Make sure that you have your taxes prepared and ready for reviewing financial aid and scholarship options.

Review your financial situation with your student and how that will translate to their after-graduation opportunities.

Continue resume building and review growth over high school career.

Encourage your student to explore and apply to as many scholarships as possible.

Attend major events at school to show support for your student.

Attend graduation with your student.

Use the summer to plan for going away to college, military, or a gap year and what your student will need.

Help your student transition to college, trade school, or the military. Send messages of support and check in when appropriate.

**NEED HELP WITH ANY OF THESE TASKS?**

Contact College Now or schedule an appointment with your student's College Now advisor.

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