

***If your student has spring break in April, it is a great time for your student to visit a college campus nearby or during your spring break travels. Visiting a college or university is a great way for the whole family to have discussions about colleges and careers. April is a good time to ensure your student is on track for graduation if they're a senior, or to ensure they are passing all their classes to move to the next grade level. Planning for summer activities and learning should be in full swing.***

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

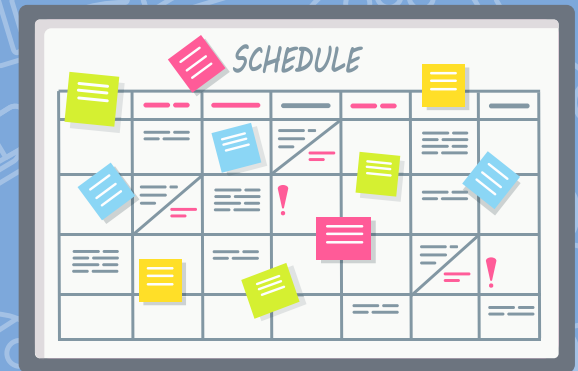
- Prepare your student for high school by visiting schools if your district has a high school choice program.
- If you know what high school your student will attend, check to see if they have an open house or tours for incoming freshmen .

## FRESHMAN

- Continue your research for summer activities including camps, summer school, jobs, and/or internships.

## SOPHOMORE

- State tests for math and English are this month at public schools. Review school calendars and information sent home about the test dates. Ensure your student eats and sleeps well before taking the tests.
- Support your student in their job or internship search. Help them find an organization that may align with their interests in college or career.
- Begin to discuss financial literacy with your student, including how to save money and budget money they may earn with their summer job.



# APRIL

## JUNIOR

- Support your student in their job or internship search. Help them find an organization that may align with their interests in college or career.



## NOTES

## SENIOR

- Support your student in their job or internship search.
- May 1st is the final deadline for students to make their college decision. Be sure your student has completed all the necessary steps to secure a spot where they plan to enroll in the fall.



## FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

### *Begin to Save*

The sooner you can start saving for college or trade school the better position you'll be in to support your student.

- Make a budget to see how much you can save per month.
- If you have many years to save, think about opening a 529 tax-free account. Other family members can also contribute to the account to help your student.
- You can also ask your bank about an Educational Savings Account (ESA), which is also tax-free but has some limitations.
- If your student works, help them open a savings account and support them in saving up to 40% of their earnings, if possible, to build their post-high school funds.