

MOM'S COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST

STUDENT	TIMELINE	PARENTING TO DO'S WITH STUDENTS
MIDDLE SCHOOL		
	7 & 8 th Grade	Discuss high school expectations – attend a college prep or a vocational –technical high school
	7 & 8 th Grade	Encourage your student to get involved in extra-curriculum/community activities; athletics, visual and performing arts
HIGH SCHOOL		
	9 th Grade	Create a high school resume/profile
		Monitor study habits & consider help if needed
		Keep extra-curriculum/community activities going; athletics, visual and performing arts
	Summer	Reading, Reading, Reading
	10 th Grade	Discuss educational plans after high school; lots of paths to follow
		Learn about college costs & have a realistic family conversation about the “ability” to pay for college
		Investigate PSAT
		Monitor study habits & academic & personal development
	Summer	Go on a college campus visit
	11 th Grade	Formulate a College Options Search List
		Keep extra-curriculum/community activities going; athletics, visual and performing arts
		Find out about the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and sample Net Educational Costs at a few colleges
		Ask about college fairs, visits and if/when college admissions is coming to the high school
		Schedule and go on a campus tour(s) with your Junior
		Schedule standardized testing
	Summer	Inquire about whose working or volunteering & where?
	12 th Grade	Work together to apply for admissions/acceptance
		Submit the FAFSA to apply for financial aid
		Decide how net educational costs will get paid
		Make a family decision on the college choice
		YAH - Submit the deposit for your student's seat and dorm!!
	Summer	Plan the move to college
COLLEGE	13 th Year	Check in periodically to make sure your new college student is adjusting; academically, socially, emotionally
		Confirm the next semester and future payments
FRESH START		Everything above, Just Faster!!