



*Office of the Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs*  
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Middle School College Preparatory Checklist

The following is a guide to help middle school students and parents get an early start in preparing for college. Recommendations are given that will assist both parents and students in making informed decisions about enrolling in and performing well in college preparatory classes.

**6TH GRADE CHECKLIST**

\* Attend College Information Day at your school. This is your opportunity to find out more information about college and university requirements. Make sure that you attend with your parents and/or share the information with them.

\* If your school is going on field trips to colleges, sign up in the college & career office. This is a great way to see various colleges and universities.

\* Strive to maintain "A" and "B" grades in all your classes.

\* Make an appointment with your counselor and request to take Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II and foreign language classes beginning in the seventh grade.

\*PARENTS: Attend college days with your children. This is a great opportunity to ask specific questions of the college representatives about college entrance examinations, requirements, and costs.

\*PARENTS: Encourage your child to READ.

**7TH GRADE CHECKLIST**

\* STUDENTS: In the fall semester set-up an appointment with your school grade counselor and your parents. Let them know that you desire to go to a four-year university. Ask your counselor to give you classes that will help you prepare for college admission.

\*STUDENTS: Continue to attend college days at your school. Bring your parents with you so that they can find out more information about the schools that interest you.

\* STUDENTS: Strive to maintain "A" and "B" grades in all your classes especially in Algebra I and II, Geometry, English and foreign language classes.

\*STUDENTS: **READ** to build your vocabulary, comprehension and English grammar.

\* PARENTS: Attend regular meetings with your child's counselor. If you are unable to attend, call the counselor and inquire about your child's academic progress at least twice a semester.

\* PARENTS: Encourage your child to participate in academic enrichment programs offered at your school and through local colleges and universities such as EAOP, MESA, Cal SOAP etc. These programs exist to help your child reach his/her goals by offering counseling and /or tutoring services.

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## **8TH AND 9TH GRADE CHECKLIST**

\* STUDENTS: Sign-up to take the PSAT in September of the 8th and 9th grade year. This exam helps you prepare for the SAT Reasoning Exam in high school. Colleges and universities require that students take this exam for admissions selection. The more times you take the PSAT, the better prepared you will be to take the SAT Reasoning Exam in high school.

\* STUDENTS: Remember to enroll in a math and foreign language class each year that you are in high school. Courses that you will need to take are Algebra I and II, Geometry and a foreign language class such as Spanish, French, Italian, etc.

\* STUDENTS: Make appointments with your counselor to inquire how well you are progressing in the academic classes needed for colleges.

\* STUDENTS: Continue to maintain "A's" and "B's" in your classes.

\* PARENTS/STUDENTS: Take the opportunity and attend 'College Days' or 'College Nights' at your school.

\* PARENTS: Continue to talk about college and university opportunities with your children.

\* PARENTS: Continue to call or see your child's counselor periodically.

## **OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS**

\* STUDENTS: Read, Read, Read--Reading helps you prepare for the college entrance exams, like the PSAT, SAT Reasoning, ACT and SAT Subject. Reading encourages comprehension, vocabulary and writing skills. Get a library card and check out books often, free of cost.

\* PARENTS: Your child should be enrolled in a math and English course every year that they are in school, especially college preparatory math courses (i.e. Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Trigonometry, Math Analysis, and Calculus).



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