



Helping your Student get Ready for College

Each Year

- Keep an eye on your student's study habits and grades. Ask questions about their classes, teachers and homework. If needed, support them in monitoring their homework completion and study time until they are ready to do so successfully on their own.
- Encourage your student to take the most challenging classes that they can while also experiencing academic success. This could be taking an additional year of math or science, or taking an Honors or Advanced Placement (AP) class. Encourage your student to choose their Career Concentration electives wisely.
- Encourage your student to participate in enrichment activities that help them build skills, learn about their strengths, and explore career interests. Focus on quality of experiences.
- Help your student develop independence by encouraging them to take responsibility for balancing homework with other activities. If needed, help ensure that your student has enough time in their after-school and weekend schedule to complete their schoolwork.

Junior & Senior Year

- Encourage increasing levels of independence in all areas based on your student's readiness.
- Talk to your student about the colleges they are considering. Ask why those schools appeal to them, and help them clarify their goals and priorities. Continue checking in with your student to see if they have added any colleges to their list.
- Attend college fairs with your student, but encourage them to do the talking.
- As able, take your student to visit college campuses.
- Review your financial situation and make sure your student is applying for scholarships. Work with your student to research options to pay for college.
- Ask your employer whether scholarships are available for employees' children.
- Check in with your student about where they are at with their college checklist, encouraging them to take the steps listed to get ready and plan for college.

Questions? Looking for resources?

Check out the College/Career Center on the SCS web site
Contact the School Counselor