

## Child Entering High School

Freshman year is a big step forward for children as they are now only four years away from graduating high school and starting college. There are steps you can take in the ninth grade to help your child get started on the right track. Follow this checklist as you start thinking about the college planning process.

### « COLLEGE PREPARATION:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Taking the right classes in high school<br>( <i>meet with school counselor</i> ) | <input type="checkbox"/> College selection           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NCAA required classes<br>( <i>if interested in playing college sports</i> )      | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordability/cost          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extracurricular activities and volunteer efforts                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> College consulting services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strengths and career interests   | <input type="checkbox"/> ACT/SAT                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College and career fairs   | <input type="checkbox"/> FAFSA preparation           |

### « COLLEGE FUNDING:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Payment plans                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Contributions from parents and grandparents |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local and national scholarships | <input type="checkbox"/> Custodial accounts (UGMA/UTMA)              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education IRA                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Financial aid                               |

### « MONEY MATTERS:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Basic budgeting                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Start custodial Roth IRA ( <i>if applicable</i> ) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Establishing checking/savings accounts | <input type="checkbox"/> Asset titling affects on FAFSA                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Establishing good credit               |  |

### « RESOURCES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SchoolTraq         | <input type="checkbox"/> Any.do               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> myHomework App     | <input type="checkbox"/> College Inside Track |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Google calendar    | <input type="checkbox"/> Life360 App          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship guide  | <input type="checkbox"/> Local Bank App       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenlightcard.com |   |

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