



Students

- Review “Every Year in High School” checklist.
- Meet with your school counselor or mentor to discuss colleges and their requirements.
- Consider taking a practice Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).
- Plan to use your summer wisely: Work, volunteer, or take a summer course at MCC or another local college.
- Use your school’s college and career planning tools (like Naviance) to help prepare for life after high school. Use/log into these resources regularly to update your profile, plan coursework, and learn more about colleges and careers.
- Plan next year’s class schedule with Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement courses that relate to your career goals.
- Go to career information events to get a more detailed look at career options. Learn about many different careers.

Parents

- Review “Every Year in High School” checklist.
- Find out whether your child’s school has college nights or financial aid nights. Plan to attend those events with your child.
- Help your child develop independence by encouraging him or her to take responsibility for balancing homework with any other activities or a part-time job.
- Learn about the standardized tests your child will be taking during 10th through 12th grades and how these are used in college admission decisions.
- Learn the differences between grants, loans, work- study, and scholarships at studentaid.gov (select “types of aid”).
- Ask your child’s school about college and career resources available and how you can support college and career readiness.

