

# College Ready Checklist

*How do you help your child become college ready? Below are actions you can take to support your child throughout their education and during specific grades.*

	<b>FOUNDATION STEPS</b>	<b>Elementary</b>	<b>Middle</b>	<b>High</b>
	Develop a solid academic foundation			
	Make reading a habit (read every day, visit local library)			
	Get your child involved in extracurricular activities			
	Build college-bound expectations			
	Expose your child to college and career opportunities			
	Start saving money as soon as possible			
	Encourage study skills			
	Talk with school counselors about which classes your child should take			
	Monitor how many and which type of classes your child is			
	Find the right high school			
	<b>HIGH SCHOOL SPECIFIC ACTION STEPS</b>	<b>Grades 9-10</b>	<b>Grade 11</b>	<b>Grade 12</b>
	Monitor student grades (encourage mostly A's and B's)			
	Encourage involvement in school clubs, sports teams, etc.			
	Prepare for college entrance exams such as the ACT or SAT			
	Schedule tours of local colleges			
	Familiarize yourself with the college application process			
	Encourage leadership in school clubs, sports teams, etc.			
	Continue challenging coursework			
	Create list of potential colleges or universities			
	Research scholarships and financial aid			
	Register for the SAT and/or ACT			
	Start applications			
	Take/re-take college entrance exams			
	Secure recommendations			
	Prepare/submit applications			
	Apply for financial aid			
	Check application progress			
	Apply for scholarships and update and monitor financial aid			
	Prepare for news/acceptance letters			
	Decide the best fit			
	Complete acceptance paperwork			
	Develop a college transition plan			