

Parents of College Bound Students

Pointers for Tipton R-VI Parents - Planning for Education after High School

By 2018, approximately 60 percent of jobs in Missouri will require some form of education beyond high school. Parents and students should start researching potential jobs now to see what kind of extra schooling you will need to make your dreams a reality. You can also begin to research any schools that interest you.

Parents should play an active role in assisting their children to prepare for education after high school. You can help your children plan for the future by talking with them about their interests and abilities. Encourage them to take appropriate courses in high school, put forth their best efforts in every class and participate in extracurricular activities.

Planning for advanced education should be a process that begins long before your son or daughter graduates from high school. The following suggestions are a basic guide to use in this process.

In 9th and 10th Grades

- ✓ Help your son or daughter investigate career possibilities and compare their interests and abilities with specific career requirements. Encourage them to log on to the MISSOURI CONNECTIONS website currently used in the career guidance classes. Parents can log on with the GUEST tab to use for your own career exploration.
- ✓ Parents can make the home environment one where education is important. Freshmen and sophomores need to take challenging high school courses and do the work to earn good grades. Good attendance and homework completion are the best good habits to have for success in high school and
- ✓ Plan a sequence of high school courses that will best prepare you for the technical school, community college, or four-year College of your choice.

In 11th Grade

- ✓ Search college websites for information on application requirements, tuition costs, scholarship opportunities, etc. Make a list of the colleges you are interested in and compare information. If you or your student have questions, talk with your school counselor.
- ✓ Students need to continue to take rigorous classes to score well on admission tests such as the ACT. High ACT scores can make scholarship opportunities more readily available.
- ✓ High school juniors now take the ACT in April as a state test. Four-year colleges and universities usually have a required ACT score for admissions. Check the colleges you are interested in attending to determine if you need to re-take the ACT to earn the score necessary for admission. Test dates and site locations will be available at the high school from the counselor.

In 12th Grade

- ✓ Senior year is not a time to take easy classes for an easy year. It is important to continue to take challenging classes to be prepared for college classes.

- ✓ All seniors are encouraged to enroll in at least one community college or four year college during the Missouri College Application week in October that is part of the monthly Guidance
- ✓ Encourage your senior to sign up for another ACT test if necessary to obtain a certain score for
- ✓ All seniors and their parents are encouraged to provide an email address to the counselor to receive scholarship notices for local and state scholarships. It is the responsibility of your senior
- ✓ Be sure to meet all application deadlines and supply all required information.
- ✓ Parents should plan to attend the College Financial Information Night to learn more about paying for community college or four-year College as well as the FAFSA Night to get help in completing the Free Application for Federal Student Assistance form.