
MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

COLLEGE PREPARATORY CHECKLIST

- Make school a priority with good attendance and a positive attitude.
- Develop effective study habits.
- Keep your grades up.
- Challenge yourself! Whenever possible, sign up for the most advanced subjects you are prepared to take, such as in Math, English, etc.
- Read often and a range of texts, including fiction and nonfiction books, newspapers, and magazines, to broaden your vocabulary.
- If you are struggling, ask for help! Don't wait until you've failed a test or assignment to ask your teacher, mentor or your family members for help in a subject area.
- Whenever possible, participate in extracurricular activities, including sports, band, choir, and various clubs. Doing this will give you opportunities to expand your experiences and will help you find out what you might like to participate in when you're in high school.
- Volunteer in your local community or for other civic projects.
- Use the summer months to brush up on school subjects. Use study skills books or online resources. Join a reading program at your local library. Don't let what you learned the previous year slip away, and prepare for the coming school year.

AT THE END OF 8TH GRADE

- Meet with your high school guidance counselor to make sure you take the right college preparatory classes during your high school years, as well as the most advanced classes possible, and to find out if there are any other college preparation steps you should be taking.

Activity Coding Legend:



**Community-Based
Matches**



**School or Site-
Based Matches**



**Need access to
a computer
with internet**