



College & Career

Middle School Edition

What should I be focusing on in Middle School to prepare for the future?

Setting Goals

- Short term academic goals – grades; course selection
- Personal goals – extracurricular, volunteering, leadership
- Future goals – career exploration, college, lifestyle

Extracurricular Activities

- Get involved in at least one extracurricular
- Volunteer
- Take advantage of leadership opportunities
- COMMITMENT

Course Selection & Grades

- Academics are important in college admissions
- Take the most challenging courses you can handle

College Visits

- Visit a nearby college campus or take a trip to a dream college
- Look for upcoming events on a college campus or take a guided tour

Test Prep

- 8th Grade PSAT
- 9/10/11th Grade PSAT
- 11/12th SAT and/or ACT testing
- SAT / ACT can be used for college admissions, scholarships and used for TSIA exemption

Future Planning

- Career exploration
- College planning
- College applications (12th grade)
- Financial Aid (scholarships, FAFSA)