

YOUR PATH TO COLLEGE

Preparation for higher education begins in the 8th grade and continues throughout high school

8TH &
9TH

- Think about career possibilities and explore occupations that meet your interests and skills.
- Study hard and earn good grades to prepare for college.
- Become involved in extra-curricular activities that interest you.
- Look for summer jobs or volunteer work to expand your experience and skills.

10TH

- Research possible colleges and universities that match your career goals.
- Prepare for standardized testing by taking ACT practice tests.
- Visit with your school guidance counselor to discuss your course selection to make sure it meets college entrance requirements.

11TH

- Request information from colleges you are interested in attending. Find out admission requirements, degrees and majors offered, financial aid, scholarships, and student housing information.
- Plan a campus visit and attend local college fairs.
- Take the SAT or ACT.

12TH

- Apply to your top college choices and keep track of admissions deadlines.
 - Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid to see if you qualify for financial aid, scholarships, and grants after October 1 of your senior year.
- Complete Arkansas' online YOUNiversal application between January 1 and June 1 to apply for state scholarships and grants.
- Attend spring or summer orientation programs for incoming college freshmen.



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