

STUDY SMARTER, NOT HARDER

Study tips any student can employ

It would be convenient if every student had a photographic memory, making it a snap to recall pages of text or concepts in great detail. Photographic memory is not real, but a very small portion of the population, around 2 to 10 percent of children, has something called an eidetic memory, which is a similar phenomenon and one that's virtually nonexistent in adults, according to Psychology Today. That means that students will have to rely on other skills to get ahead in their coursework, perhaps none more important than effective study skills.

Some students recognize that their study habits simply are not cutting it and they're just squeaking by in their courses. What might get a student by in high school may be ineffective for college classes. Learning effective study skills early on is a key to academic success.

Don't cram

Many students procrastinate with their study sessions, leading to last-minute studying before a big test. According to the American Psychological Association, students may perform well on a test for which they have crammed, but that doesn't mean they've actually learned the material. Studying with the goal of long-term retention is best for learning.

Engage in active studying

Reading and re-reading texts or notes is not engaging with the material. Therefore, it likely won't help with information retention. The Learning Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill says a student will need to make connections with the material, which can include making a study guide, becoming the teacher and teaching the concepts to others, deriving examples from one's own experiences, or working problems out and explaining why they work.

Ask for help

Students do not have to struggle through difficult material alone. In addition to studying with fellow students, who may have different ways of interpreting and sharing the information, individuals can seek assistance from a tutor or an academic resource center inside of the school. Working with someone else also helps students stay accountable and remain on track.

Determine a study style

Students may need to employ some trial and error to identify the study methods that work best for them. This can include a combination of note-taking, summarization, reviewing what already is known about the topic, and individual or group study sessions. Environment also is an important study variable. Some students thrive in a quiet environment, while others need ambient noise to sharpen their focus.

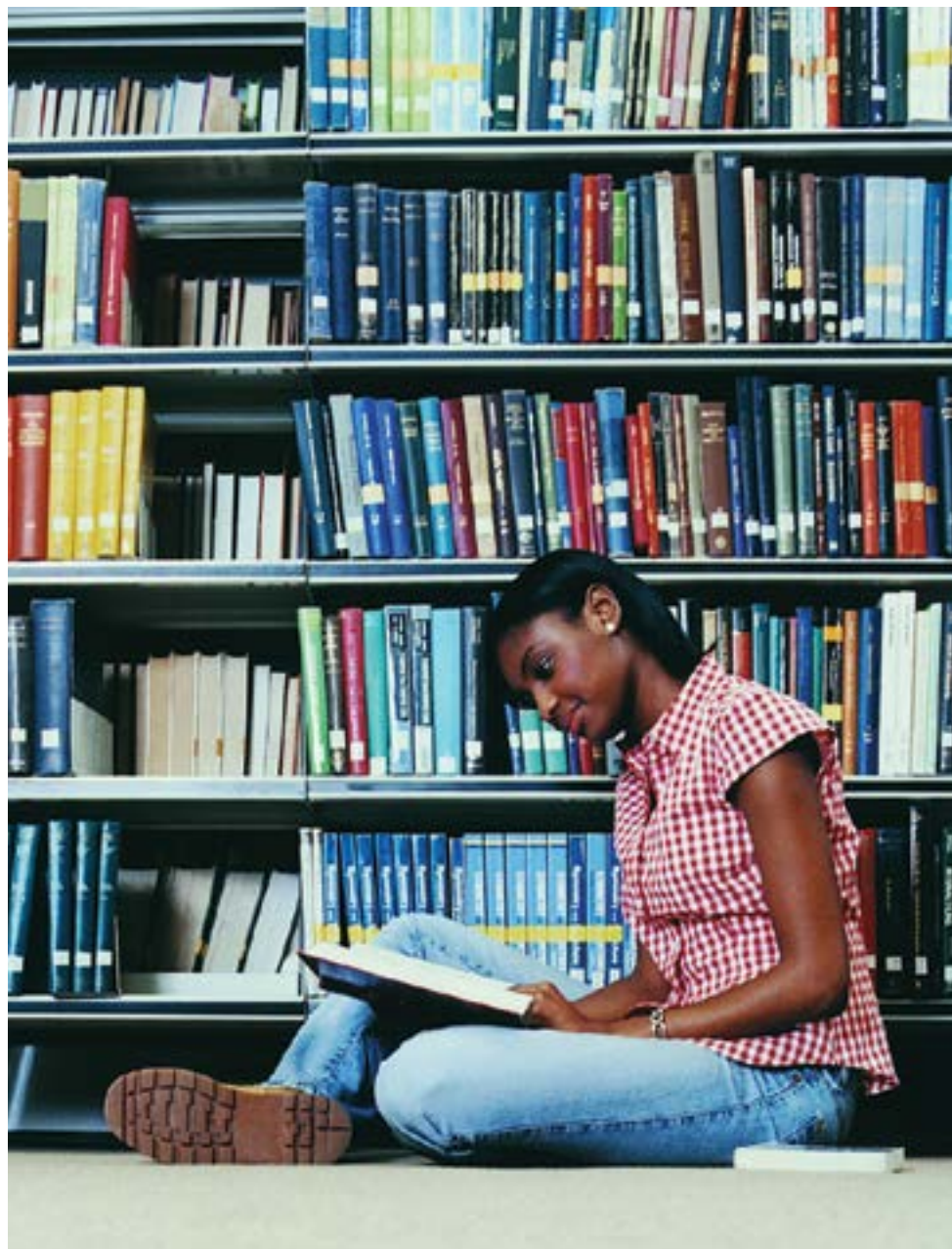
Work intensely

Studying in intensive, short sessions may enable students to get more done with less wasted effort. Taking breaks can boost attention, says the National Institutes of Health.

Eliminate distractions

The more research that is done on multitasking, the more data indicates it isn't effective. Studying while browsing the web, texting or looking at social media will increase the amount of time needed to learn the material and decrease the quality of the study session, according to research published in *Computers & Education* in 2012.

Intelligent studying can help students make the most of their academic careers.



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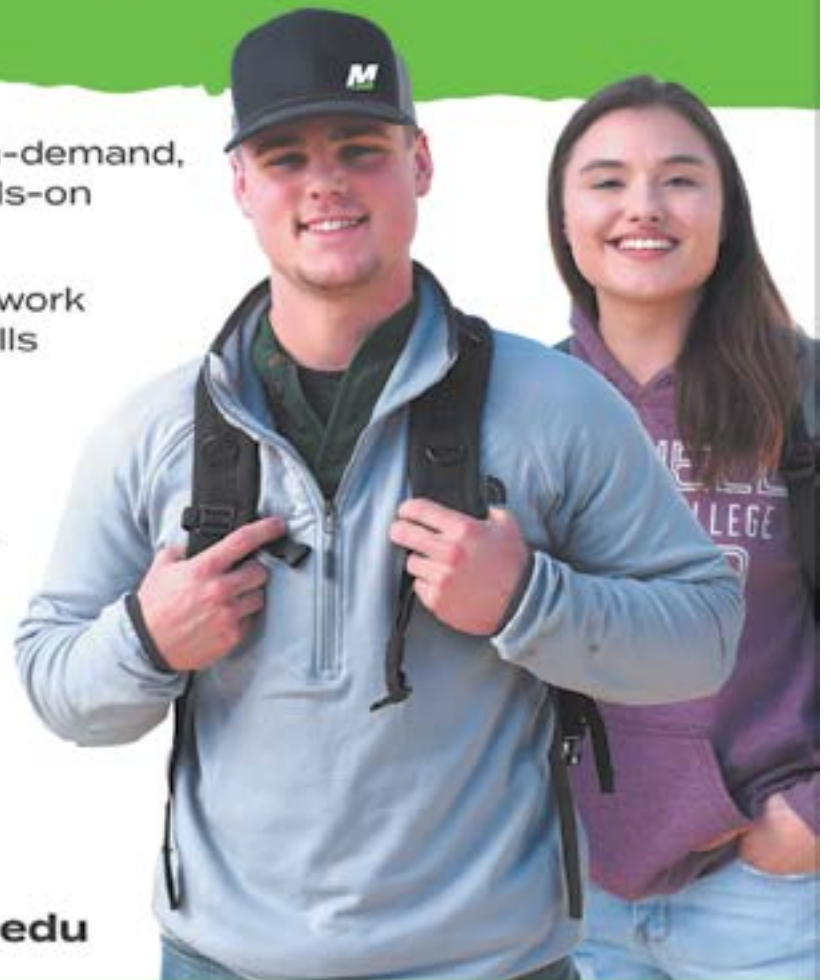
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THE BENEFITS

of extracurriculars for college students

Assimilating into campus life at a college or university can take time. After all, much changes between high school and college. Residential students may find college is the first time they spend considerable time away from home among their peers.

College students have more responsibility than their counterparts in high school. College students must manage their schedules, get to class on time without help from Mom and Dad and speak with professors on their own behalf.

One way to mitigate some of the stress that comes with the increased responsibility of college is to take full advantage of campus life. This includes participating in extracurricular activities. High school students may participate in extracurriculars because they know they look good on college applications. But now that college is here, the benefits of extracurriculars may be slightly different.

- **Physical activity:** The Freshman 15 is no urban legend. The National Center for Biotechnology Information says that while most college students do not gain 15 pounds freshman year, a lot do gain some weight upon entering college. A 2008 study published in the *Journal of American College Health* found the average weight gain upon entering college was 2.7 pounds, with about half of students polled gaining weight. Extracurricular activities, like sports and additional physical pursuits, can help college students maintain a healthy weight even when consuming some not-so-healthy dining hall fare.

- **Avoid poor habits:** A 2023 study by the Afterschool Alliance found that students who participate in extracurricular activities at least two days a week are less likely to smoke marijuana and drink alcohol. These students also are less likely to miss class without a reason.

- **Networking:** Students interact with their peers during curriculum-related clubs, musical performances or sports practices and games. Finding common ground and making new connections is a cornerstone of success in the professional world. Extracurriculars can help students develop networking skills that will be useful in the future.

- **Improved mental health:** Getting involved can counter feelings of loneliness or boredom that many students feel, especially in their first year at school, says *Psychology Today*. Rather than feeling unsure and isolated, participation in extracurricular activities can give students reason to chat with new people beyond the rigors of class.

- **Future connections:** Some extracurriculars can pay professional dividends. Academic and social Greek organizations have very strong alumni networks, which can help graduates secure interviews and job offers.

- **Better grades:** There is evidence that managing multiple extracurriculars helps students academically. Cambridge International Education says juggling multiple commitments helps a student value time management, which carries over into school work.

- **Self-esteem:** Participating in activities can boost confidence and self-esteem. Taking on leadership roles in extracurriculars can further a positive self-image as well.

Extracurricular activities can offer a wide-ranging array of benefits for college students.

THE BENEFITS

of music education

A classroom can be a formative space for children. In a healthy classroom environment, children can discover passions for a wide range of interests, including music.



Music education is a vital component of a well-rounded academic experience. Unfortunately, music education programs in public schools are often among the first cuts to be made when funding issues arise. For example, a 2018 report from the American Federation of Teachers indicated that 42 percent of schools in Georgia eliminated art and music programs in the aftermath of the recession that struck in 2008-09. Budgetary constraints pose significant problems for educators and administrators. However, an examination of the many benefits of music education may compel more parents, teachers and education professionals to advocate for the continued inclusion of music education in school curricula.

- **Music can contribute to improved academic performance** in other subjects. Some may feel that music education takes time away from other subjects that students will need to master to fulfill their academic potential. However, a 2019 study published in the *Journal of Educational Psychology* found that high school students who take music courses score significantly higher on exams in certain subjects, including math and science, than their peers whose curriculum does not include music education.

- **Music education can facilitate language development.** A recent study from researchers in Beijing found that piano lessons improved kindergartners' ability to distinguish different pitches, which in turn led to improvement in the youngsters' ability to discriminate between spoken words. That's perhaps not too surprising to researchers, as *Play Matters Australia* reports that music and language share various structural similarities, including rhythm, pitch and tone. Children who engage in music play and education strengthen the same neural connections necessary to process language.

- **Music education provides a workout for the brain.** Dr. Eric Rasmussen, who chairs the Early Childhood Music Department at Johns Hopkins University, notes that children who engage in music and music education have larger growth of neural activity than those who do not participate in music training. That's because playing music requires musicians to use more of their brain than they otherwise might. That workout pays notable dividends, and one study led by researchers at Boston College found that children who underwent 15 weeks of music instruction and practice experienced improved sound discrimination and fine motor tasks.

Music education programs are often on the chopping block when school budget cuts are made. However, the multifaceted benefits of music education suggest children have much to gain from the continued inclusion of music programs in school curricula.

HOW TO HELP STUDENTS

master college entrance exams

The college admissions process is multifaceted and stretches out over a year or more. High school students who plan to continue their education at four-year schools typically go through the admissions process at various schools before deciding where the next step on their academic journeys will take them.

Testing is part of the college admissions process. Parents and guardians who want to give young people the best chance of being admitted to their preferred school can help students prepare accordingly. In the United States, performance on the SAT and/or the ACT has traditionally been a key consideration for college admissions departments. The college information resource CollegeVine says standardized test scores are not required in the admissions process for public Canadian universities, although some private ones will accept SAT scores. According to the Princeton Review, the SAT is created and administered by the College Board. The test consists of Math and Evidence-based Reading and Writing. Each section is scored on a 200-to-800-point scale, (a score of 1600 indicates mastery of the exam). The ACT is a similar test that also helps measure college readiness. The ACT consists of four sections: English, Reading, Math, and Science. There's also an optional 40-minute Writing Test that some colleges may require. The maximum composite score for the ACT is 36.

Most schools do not favor one test over the other, so it's possible students will take just one exam. However, college-bound students are increasingly taking both the SAT and ACT and only submitting the higher score to schools. This is important for families and students to recognize. Generally, students can study concurrently for

both tests, and the following are some additional strategies to prepare for college admissions testing.

- Enroll in a test prep course. Students may benefit from taking test prep courses either in sophomore year of high school or early in their junior year. These courses familiarize students with the testing format and enable them to take practice exams. They also offer tips for getting through the test within the allotted time. Knowing "how" to take the test is often just as important as knowing the material on the test.

- Focus on vocabulary. Families can work together to expand students' vocabularies. Everyone can learn new words and use them on a daily basis.

- Prioritize rest and a healthy lifestyle. This can be a stressful time in students' lives. Parents and other caregivers can recognize this and reinforce healthy living habits that will help teens get the rest they need to stay both physically and mentally well. Try not to put extra pressure on students during this critical time. Avoid emphasizing a need to get the best test scores possible, which can lead to additional stress, burnout and resentment.

- Realize many schools are test-optional. Students who simply are not excellent test-takers may take comfort in knowing that a growing number of schools have become test-optional. Families can determine if students want to be "one-and-done" on standardized testing, or take the test a few times to improve their scores.

Families can work together to make preparing for standardized testing more successful.

SLEEP AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

go hand in hand

Students and sleep are not always compatible. College students have long expressed a tendency to be night owls, but even school-aged youngsters may be reluctant to go to bed on time during the school year.

Parents of school-aged children know that bedtime can be challenging, particularly when moms and dads want to ensure their youngsters get the recommended number of hours of sleep each night. The American Academy of Sleep Medicine advises school-aged children between the ages of six and 12 get nine to 12 hours of sleep per night, while teens are urged to sleep eight to 10 hours per night. Studies have found that when students don't get enough sleep on school nights, their academic performance is likely to suffer. A 2023 study of first-year college students led by researchers at Carnegie Mellon University and published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences found that negative outcomes began to accumulate when students received less than six hours of sleep per night. Authors of the study noted that previous studies in animals showed that memories formed during the day were consolidated while animals slept but forgotten when those animals' normal sleep patterns were interrupted. The researchers behind the study identified a notable decline in students' grade point averages when they received less than six hours of sleep, suggesting humans' ability to learn and remember what they've learned in a given day is compromised if they don't get enough sleep that night.

School-aged youngsters typically get more than six hours of sleep per night, but if they're falling short of AASM recommendations, those students' academic performance could be adversely affected. With that in mind, parents can try various strategies to get children to bed on time.

- Stay consistent with bedtime. A firm bedtime can

reduce the likelihood that sleep disruptions will affect how children perform in the classroom. If children are staying up three hours past their weeknight bedtime on Friday and Saturday, then they're less likely to want to go to bed on time on school nights. A little flexibility on the weekends might not upset the apple cart, but try to maintain a consistent bedtime throughout the week.

- Help kids calm down before bed. A winding down period leading up to bedtime can help kids fall asleep more quickly and might even make them less resistant to bedtime. Avoid particularly energetic activities directly before bedtime. Calmly reading a book and picking clothes out for the next day of school are calm activities that can get kids' bodies ready for sleep.

- Avoid confrontation. Parents are urged to let it go if kids aren't falling right asleep but are still being cooperative at bedtime. Kids might want to keep reading to themselves after Mom and Dad say goodnight, and that's alright so long as children aren't continually getting out of bed or getting riled up. Eventually kids will tire out when engaging in a calm, pre-sleep activity, so parents should not grow upset and confront kids who are behaving but not falling asleep right away.

- Create a positive sleep environment. Young children will resist sleep if it sounds like their parents and siblings are having a grand old time without them. Parents typically go to great lengths to ensure kids' bedrooms are conducive to sleep, but it's also important to maintain a peaceful setting throughout the rest of the house once children go to bed.

Sleep and school are inextricably linked, and parents can do much to ensure kids get the rest they need to do their best in the classroom.



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academy and educational tracks in school

Schools continue to evolve and change their curriculum to meet the needs of modern students. Many schools now recognize the importance of helping students develop skills that will help them be competitive in the world and workforce. One way they are doing so is through the development of educational academies or specific academic tracks to give students an advantage later in their academic careers. Here's a close look at such offerings, which tend to be primarily at the high school (secondary school) level.

Early college academy

Early college academy, also known as early college high school, is a program that enables high school students to earn two-year associates degrees at the same time as they earn high school diplomas, according to U.S. News & World Report. The Early College High School Initiative was established in part in 2002 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Early colleges have expanded over the last 20 years, and these programs may work in different ways. Some bring high schoolers to college campuses to take courses in-person, or there may be remote course offerings. Others provide college courses in a high school setting. High schools develop complementary relationships with accredited colleges in the area, typically community colleges. Upon completion of the programs, students in the early college courses will receive associates degrees. Advantages to an ECA is that students already have completed two years of college, which saves time and money.

Dual enrollment/Advanced placement

High schools have been offering this option for some time now. Dual enrollment classes are essentially college courses that high schoolers take while in high school. Professors from nearby colleges may teach these courses right in a high school classroom. High school teachers also may be trained

to instruct a college's approved coursework. At the end of the course, the student will have received credits for that college course.

Advanced placement (AP) classes are classes with college-level curricula created by the College Board. AP students must pass AP exams at the end of the classes. Certain colleges will accept AP classes as college credit depending on students' scores on the tests. Both of these avenues may help students earn college credits, provided the school they attend will accept the credits.

Career tracks/pathways

Students may choose to follow particular tracks in high school if they pick a college major or choose a trade school. Sometimes these programs are called pathways. Nevertheless, they may be offered in Visual Arts, STEM, Business Management, Automotive Repair, Hospitality, or Mathematics. While students will still get an array of core classes, by enrolling in a track, their electives and certain other classes may be geared toward a particular pathway. For example, an eligible math course for a business student may be accounting as opposed to calculus for a general education student. These pathways help develop passions and interests and enable high schoolers to grow accustomed to the customization of a degree.

High school has evolved to introduce students to higher education in novel ways.

TEST-TAKING TIPS STUDENTS

can employ to overcome test anxiety

Testing is a significant component of students' academic experience. Students of all ages take tests, and some may find test-taking a less enjoyable experience than others. Students who struggle when taking tests, even when they're well-versed in the material, may be dealing with an issue known as test anxiety.

The American Psychological Association defines test anxiety as tension and apprehensiveness that arises when taking a test, frequently resulting in decreased performance. The Mayo Clinic notes mild nervousness before a test is typical, and can actually have a positive impact by sharpening students' focus and attention. But students who find their pre-test jitters are interfering with their performance and even adversely affecting their mood could be dealing with test anxiety. Any student can develop test anxiety, but it's equally important to note that all students can overcome it as well. The following test-taking tips can help students with text anxiety overcome their nerves the next time they have an exam.

- Develop an efficient, consistent study routine. The Mayo Clinic advises students to embrace a consistent pre-test routine. A routine can employ test-taking strategies educators and counselors recommend that emphasize efficiency when studying. In addition, the Mayo Clinic recommends a study routine that involves studying in the same place a test will be taken or a similar environment. For example, students can study at their desks at home so they feel familiar with the environment in which they will take the test, which is most likely to be a classroom where students sit at desks. Consistency in a study routine can help students identify what works and doesn't work, and they can then stick to those parts of their routine that are effective.

- Take the pressure off yourself and acknowledge the work you have put in. Verywell Mind urges students to avoid feeling that they must produce a perfect performance on their test. Recognition that you've put in the work to prepare and are therefore ready to be tested can be enough to calm pre-test nervousness.

- Prioritize rest. The Division of Sleep Medicine at Harvard Medical School notes that poor or inadequate sleep can cause irritability and stress, while a good night's rest enhances well-being. Students should prioritize rest every night, but especially the night before a test. Adolescents need more sleep each night than they or their parents may realize. According to Johns Hopkins Medicine, teens need nine to 9.5 hours of sleep each night because they go through a second stage of cognitive maturation during adolescence. Medical experts recommend college-age students get between seven and nine hours of sleep per night. Adequate sleep can increase the chances students enter a testing environment in a positive mood that can help to calm pre-test nerves.

- Speak with teachers. Teachers may offer their own test-taking strategies that can help students calm their nerves, so students are urged to share their experiences if they believe they're dealing with test anxiety. Teachers also know of school policies that might allow for alternative test-taking procedures for students who struggle in traditional testing environments.

Test anxiety affects many students. When pre-test nervousness proves difficult to overcome, students can explore various strategies to reduce their anxiety in the hopes of fulfilling their academic potential.

WHAT PARENTS

can do to save more
for college

Raising a child is no small task. Though it's no surprise that parenting requires a substantial investment of time and energy, the financial cost of raising a child might raise more than a few eyebrows. According to the SmartAsset™ 2024 Study, the median annual cost to raise a child in the United States in 2024 is \$22,850, and that figure is considerably higher in many states.

Commitment and discipline are vital to getting across the financial finish line when raising a child, and that includes finding a way to finance a college education. Data from the College Board, a nonprofit that studies trends in the cost of a college education, indicates the cost of tuition and fees varies widely depending on the type of institution. Tuition and fees at an in-state four-year public school cost a little more than \$11,000 during the 2023-24 school year, while it was nearly four times as much (\$41,540) at a private nonprofit four-year institution.

Financing a child's college education can seem like a daunting task. However, an array of strategies can help parents save more for college.

- Take advantage of a 529 plan. A 529 education savings plan is an increasingly popular way to save for college. The Education Savings Programs at Bank of America reports that 529 plan assets increased from \$88.5 billion in 2008 to more than \$446 billion in 2023. A 529 plan is a tax-advantaged investment program administered by a state. When funds withdrawn from the plan are used for qualified expenses, such as tuition costs, then the earnings are free from federal income tax obligations. There are distinctions between 529 prepaid tuition programs and 529 savings programs, so parents are urged to discuss those differences with a financial advisor so they can choose the best plan for their situation.

- Redirect extra income to a college savings plan. Parents may have "extra" sources of income that can be used to fund college savings. Annual bonuses, money distributed through state-sponsored property tax relief programs and even money freed up when kids graduate from daycare and into elementary school can be redirected into college savings plans. Redirected daycare expenses may be particularly savvy, as parents know the cost of daycare is considerable.

In fact, a recent report from Child Care Aware of America indicated the cost to place two children in child care exceeded annual typical mortgage payments in

45 states. Once kids are out of daycare,

parents can redirect some or all the money they had been spending on child care into college savings plans.

- Don't go it alone. A 2023 survey from the College Savings Foundation found that 45 percent of parents would request that family and friends contribute to a child's 529 plan in lieu of the standard gifts given to children for their birthday, special events like graduation or during the holiday season. This practical yet less traditional approach can pad college savings plans by a considerable amount over the years, and close relatives might be more than happy to help parents fund a better education for their youngsters.

College is a costly investment, but parents can look to a handful of strategies to help defray tuition costs.



HOW FAMILIES

can approach the
college application process

Going to college is the next step in many high school graduates' academic journeys. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that around 62 percent of recent high school graduates were enrolled in college as of 2023. College enrollment has remained relatively stable in recent years, with around 60 percent of students enrolling in college after high school.

Many current high school students are planning to attend college, and they may wonder when to begin the application process. U.S. News & World Report advises students to check in with the individual schools they are considering, as deadlines and requirements for college applications vary by school. Fall of senior year typically is a busy time for college applications. This timeline can help students better prepare for the college application process.



- Begin your college search during junior year of high school. This also is a time to visit schools in person to get a feel for each campus. By spring of junior year, it is advisable to have taken the SAT or ACT test at least once. These tests can be taken again in the fall and then the highest score will be sent to colleges.

- Continue to look at colleges the summer before senior year and narrow down which colleges seem to be the best fit. Western Colorado University suggests it could be a good idea to begin the application process during the summer before senior year. This gives students plenty of time to finish an application before the deadline.

- Most students wait until the fall of senior year of high school before they do the bulk of their college applications. Schools will have separate deadlines for early decision, early action and regular decision, so it is important to know these cutoff dates and apply accordingly. Early action tends to close out in November, while general applications need to be in by January or February. A student who applies for early decision and is accepted by a school must withdraw all other applications, as early decision is binding.

- Most students will hear back about their applications by April of senior year.

College Decision Day occurs on May 1 each year. This is the date when most students commit to a particular school. It's a time of great celebration and anticipation regarding what the next several years will bring.

STRATEGIES FOR STUDENTS

facing challenging classes

Every student takes something unique from their high school experience, and many eventually look back fondly on the years spent in the hallowed halls of their alma maters. High school might be the last step before learning a trade career or serve as four years of preparation for college. Either way, it is important to get good grades.

Continually challenging oneself with coursework can help students get the most out of their academic careers. General level classes are often taken freshman year and honors classes sophomore year. Students may then decide to enroll in advanced placement or dual enrollment classes as an upperclassman. As students continue to push themselves and classes get harder, they may have to revise their approach in order to excel. These guidelines can help students continue to be successful.

- Establish a solid foundation. The first step towards success in any class is gaining a solid understanding of the basics, says Stemly Tutoring. If there are gaps in foundational knowledge, assignments and tests can be particularly difficult as the coursework becomes harder. Routinely reviewing previous material and ensuring that the fundamental concepts are mastered is essential.

- Practice active learning. Active learning involves engaging with the material in a way that goes beyond passively reading texts. Ideas include formulating questions, quizzing classmates, explaining the material to others as a teacher would, and writing down key words and topics so they are more likely to be remembered.

- Focus on time management. In high school, five or more classes run concurrently during the year. Assignments may have similar due dates, and tests and quizzes may come more frequently. Students will need to master an organizational system and time management strategy that works for them.

Students can utilize a day planner as a useful organizational tool. Breaking down long-term assignments into smaller pieces that are easier to manage also can be useful. Smartphone notifications can alert to due dates.

- Seek help when needed. Students shouldn't hesitate to ask for help from peers, academic coaches, tutors, or their teachers. Study groups or partnerships with classmates also may be fruitful. Students should not wait until they are falling behind to seek help, as that can make it much more challenging to catch up.

- Study regularly. Reviewing material frequently and reinforcing knowledge is a smart strategy. Creating visual aids like diagrams or maps can help students understand a subject more fully. Again, this carries back to mastering the fundamentals. Looking back on previous lessons may help students with current ones.

- Don't forget to find balance and prioritize self-care. Academics are important, but so is mastering a balance between schoolwork and other activities. Without balance, a student may experience burnout, stress and additional symptoms that can impede students' ability to do well in school.

High school coursework gets more difficult as the years pass and students challenge themselves. Certain strategies can help students navigate increasingly challenging coursework.



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Wayne State Keeps Costs Low While Improving Learning Environment

Wayne State College works hard each year ensure students have access to a high-quality, affordable education. During the past year, these efforts included freezing tuition and increasing financial aid benefits, renovating and expanding campus buildings, and securing partnerships and academic opportunities to provide excellent pathways to degrees.

Tuition Frozen, Tuition Guarantee Extended to Non-residents

For the second straight year, the Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State College System froze tuition at Chadron, Peru, and Wayne State College for the 2022-23 academic year. The tuition freeze applies to undergraduate and graduate; resident and non-resident students; and online rates.

Wayne State also expanded its Tuition Guarantee Program to include new freshmen and transfer students from outside Nebraska. The program recognizes the need for a quality, affordable education pathway for out-of-state students.

WSC Athletics Announces \$26.5M Expansion and Renovation Project

Wayne State College athletics plans to build a \$26.5-million athletic and recreation facility renovation project, which includes the addition of an air-supported indoor structure and major renovations to the Recreation Center, Rice Auditorium, and the Kirk Gardner Indoor Athletic Complex.

This will be a three-phase project beginning with the new indoor facility. Construction on the project is set to begin in spring of 2023 with a tentative completion date set of fall 2025. The project is intended to raise the recruiting and competitive profile of WSC's NCAA Division II athletic programs.

WSC Completely Renovating Music and Theater Facility

Wayne State College began the renovation of the Peterson Fine Arts Building last fall. The project, which will be complete by spring 2023, includes new rehearsal spaces for the bands and choirs; improved acoustics in all practice rooms and teaching studios; upgrades to Ramsey Theatre to support larger acts and productions; better accessibility for performers and spectators with limited mobility; and ample student space for collaboration and conversation

Cooperative Education Expands into Grand Island, Ground Broken for Co-op Housing in Norfolk

This fall, the Career Scholars cooperative education model is expanding into Grand Island, as a pilot cohort of freshman students will begin their journey toward living and working in Grand Island in fall 2026. Like Norfolk, students will spend their first three years of study on campus, and their senior year in the community working with a co-op employer partner.

Students in the program receive up to \$24,000 in scholarships for housing and tuition, as they engage in campus, community and employer led activities. Grand Island leadership, employers, and Nebraska state legislators have been overwhelmingly supportive of the new initiative. Recently, the Nebraska Career Scholarship Act was passed into legislation, providing initial career scholarship funding to pilot a co-op program in Grand Island.

The College broke ground this past spring for the Norfolk Student Housing development for the Growing Together Career Scholars program in Norfolk. The housing units will support WSC's career scholars, who will live in downtown Norfolk their senior year as they perform two semesters of cooperative education with a partner employer. The first Norfolk cohort will begin working in their cooperative education positions in fall 2023.

Learn more about Career Scholars at <https://www.wsc.edu/career-scholars>

WSC Strengthens Community College Partnerships

Wayne State signed new agreements with Northeast Community College (NECC) and Central Community College (CCC) that provide expanded educational opportunities for students and strengthen the region's industrial technology workforce.

The new degree partnership allows graduates who complete their associate of applied science degrees at NECC and CCC to transfer all of their completed academic credits to Wayne State to earn a bachelor's degree in technology. The agreement allows WSC to accept up to 80 credit hours for the 120-credit hour program.

Nursing Pathways Expanded

Wayne State and University of Nebraska Medical Center signed an affiliation agreement for an early admission pathway for WSC students who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at the UNMC College of Nursing Northern Division in Norfolk. The Early Admission Pathway agreement will make the path to a BSN seamless for students enrolled in the pre-nursing undergraduate program at WSC and provide guaranteed early admission for qualified students.

Students complete the first two years of the BSN at WSC and then finish their nursing degree at UNMC's Northern Division. The new BSN program includes joint advising, rigorous coursework, and co-curricular activities with UNMC faculty while at WSC.

Learn more about all of WSC's nursing pathways at www.wsc.edu/nursing-programs.



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