



GEAR UP Monthly Minute

News & information about planning after high school

Summer 2022

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



COLLEGE MYTHS & REALITIES:

MYTH: College classes are huge; it's hard to ask professors for help.

REALITY: Most college classes (especially at smaller colleges) have class sizes similar to what your student might be used to in high school. Check out a college's faculty-to-student ratio to be sure (usually on the college website). However, your student may be in a class that's big – maybe even bigger than the whole school now! These classes are usually broken down into smaller sections where students can ask questions from a teaching assistant. Professors are always available via e-mail or during office hours which are regularly scheduled times each week to meet with students.



SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER!

School might be out, but there are still ways for your student to keep learning over the summer. In addition, local offerings through Boys & Girls Clubs, the library or other organizations, several colleges and universities have summer camps and programs for middle and high school students. These programs focus on a variety of topics including science, art, or sports, and may be day programs or overnights. Scholarships are usually available for those who qualify.

App State Youth Camps

conferences-camps.appstate.edu/youth-camps

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FAMILY CHECKLIST

Help your student stay involved this summer with camps, programs, volunteering, or even a job. Combat boredom and prevent learning loss by insisting your student stay on a (somewhat) regular schedule and participating in summer programs, volunteering, or finding a job like mowing lawns or babysitting.

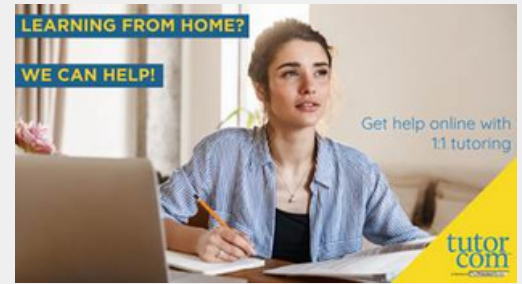
Prepare for the transition to high school. Entering high school can be a big change socially and academically for many students. Attend events or workshops specifically for incoming 9th graders and talk to the school or other parents with high school students about questions or concerns. Talk to your student about what they might be excited or nervous about.

Visit college campuses. If you're going on vacation and traveling near a college, stop by to walk around and have lunch near campus. Many schools offer free tours even in summer.

DID YOU KNOW:



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