

# College Planning Checklist for Parents

## Your First Steps Start Here!

Your child is embarking on many life-changing experiences as they prepare for success in high school, college, and beyond. We have resources to help you guide them every step of the way.

## Freshman Year

- Understand the importance of taking the ACT in [8 Reasons to Take the ACT](#).
- Help your student setup their [MyACT Profile](#) and complete their interest inventory.
- Get a sneak peek at the [Interest Inventory](#) questions.
- Start making your plan with [ACT College & Career Planning Resources](#).
- Set your child up for success with [High School Life](#) and [Starting Your High School Journey](#).

## Sophomore Year

- Stay on track through sophomore year with the [Sophomore Year Newsletter](#).
- Continue exploring [ACT College & Career Planning Resources](#).
- Take advantage of the [Financial Aid Checklist](#) as you start the scholarship search.
- Encourage your child to take a [free ACT practice test](#).
- Help your child get a jump start on their [superscore](#) by testing early.

## Junior Year

- Stay on track through junior year with the [Junior Year Newsletter](#).
- Get informed about the college application process with [Applying to College](#) resources.

- Help your child get ready to take the ACT with [Testing Advice for the ACT](#).
- Get help estimating the [Cost of College](#) to get a better picture of anticipated expenses.
- Download the [Five Questions eBook](#) and review it with your child.
- Purchase [ACT Test Prep](#) to prepare your child for success on the test.
- [Register for the ACT!](#)
- Get a copy of [test questions and answers](#) to understand and improve scores.

## Senior Year

- Stay on track through senior year with the [Senior Year Newsletter](#).
- Help your senior stay focused in the home stretch with [How to Avoid the Senior Slide](#).
- Help transition your child to college with the [Couch to College Ebook for Parents](#).
- Get help navigating [College Life](#) and how to pay for it.
- Remind your child to [retest for the ACT](#) to improve their scores and [get a superscore](#).
- Purchase [ACT Test Prep](#) to improve scores for retesters.