

**APRIL FOR FAMILIES OF 10THGRADE STUDENTS**

**STUDENTS**

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High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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**Did You Know?**

**Exploring College Campuses**

Visiting a college campus is one of the most exciting steps in choosing a college. If possible, it’s best if your teen can visit multiple campuses before senior year. Visiting colleges is a great way to get a feel for what college is like. It can help your family and child decide if a specific college is a right fit.

Exploring campuses is well worth your while. You don’t have to travel far —visiting local two- and four-year colleges is just as valuable. It’s best to go when the college is in session. That way, you’ll get to see it when classes are meeting and day-to-day activities are taking place.

Campus visits can range from a quick hour to an overnight stay, from a casual guided tour to a formal presentation. Most campus visits will include the following:

* **An** **information session.** An admissions representative talks to you or your group about the college before the campus tour.
* **A campus tour.** These are usually led by current students. You’ll see the main parts of the campus and have a chance to ask questions.

**To arrange a visit, contact that school’s admissions office or check with your child’s high school guidance counselor** to see if they are planning any **group tours** of nearby colleges that you and your child could attend.

In addition to exploring campuses in person, you and your child can learn about colleges online. Try these free online tools: [College Raptor,](https://www.collegeraptor.com/) [BigFuture](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search?navid=gh-cs), [Cappex](http://www.cappex.com/), or [College Confidential.](http://www.collegeconfidential.com/)

**Source:** [Ready Set Grad](http://www.readysetgrad.org/college/passport-foster-youth-promise-program)



**Upcoming Events & Announcements**

Spring Break- April 4th – 8th

April 12th- & 14th After School Tutoring

April 19th & 21st After School Tutoring

April 26th & 28th After School Tutoring

**Myth Buster**

**Student Checklist**

* **Research colleges online.** Conduct in depth research of postsecondary options and careers, including going on postsecondary campus visits, to three to five programs aligned with your career interests.
* **Prepare for state testing.** Participate in study skills and tutoring activities.
* **Learn how to pay for college.** Learn the differences between grants, loans, work-study, and scholarships.

**Family Checklist**

* **Encourage your child to research colleges online.**
* **Help your teen prepare for state testing.** Help your child get enough sleep.
* **Learn how to pay for college.** Learn the differences between grants, loans, work-study, and scholarships.

# **MYTH:** If my teen gets a really high score on an admission test, he or she can get in anywhere.

**REALITY**: High test scores won't automatically get a student in any college.

For example, students may have high scores, but their school record might show that they haven't worked hard in their classes.

Colleges want well-rounded students who have shown good character, motivation and accomplishments, both inside and outside the classroom.