

SP³ - Student Planning Pointers for Parents



Conversation Starters

Time to Finalize a Career Choice and Its Corresponding Pathway – 11th Grade

You know your student the best, so the following talking points are simply a guideline to use in starting a conversation with your 11th grader about the importance of finalizing a career choice.

- ▶ The decision about what happens for you after high school is dependent on your career goal. It will lead to whether you attend college, what your major will be and what college you should attend.
- ▶ Now is the time to focus on your career goal in order to arrange what you will do next and to make sure you take the right high school classes.
- ▶ What have you discussed with your counselor about career goals?
- ▶ Did you discuss alternatives that don't require a four year college degree, like skilled trades?
- ▶ It seems to us that you are interested in and good at classes about _____. How does that tie to a future career?
- ▶ As we discussed before, we will be able to pay for _____% of your college. We have to keep that in mind as we plan.



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