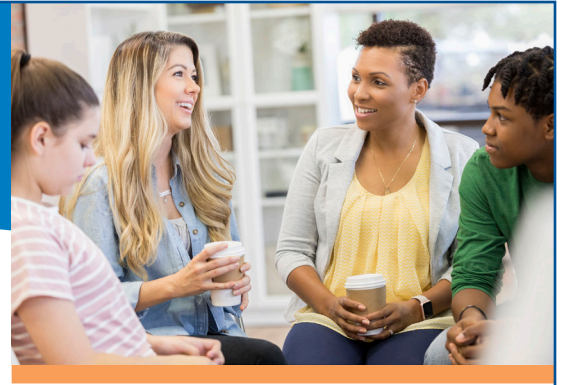


# SP<sup>3</sup> - Student Planning Pointers for Parents



## Conversation Starters

### Making a Four-Year Academic Plan – 8th Grade

You know your student the best, so the following talking points are simply a guideline to use in starting a conversation with your 8th grader about creating a four-year career and academic plan for high school.

- ▶ Have you completed a four-year plan for high school? What does it include? Why did you choose those classes?
- ▶ Have you thought about what you might want to do after high school? I've noticed that you seem to have a lot of interest in/are good at \_\_\_\_\_. What do you think?
- ▶ We can look together at possible careers and the type of education or training you need to enter them. Let's set up a specific time to do that.
- ▶ Did you see a list of high school classes you could take? Which ones are you most interested in? Let's take a look and see how we can match the classes up with your current plan for after high school.
- ▶ Did you know you could get college credit in high school for free or a limited cost? That would help by allowing you to get started on a degree or certification before you even graduate high school. Do you know the options at your high school and how they apply to different colleges and programs? Let's look into it together.



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