

SP³ - Student Planning Pointers for Parents



Conversation Starters

Preparing for College – 12th Grade

You know your student the best, so the following talking points are simply a guideline to use in starting a conversation with your 12th grader about preparing for college.

- ▶ In college, you will be responsible for yourself, your success and your decisions. I am here to help you and provide advice, but it is up to you to have the self-discipline to do the things required to be successful and avoid any pitfalls that may harm you and your future.
- ▶ My expectation for you is to maintain a _____ grade point average. How does that compare to your expectation of yourself?
- ▶ I also expect you to work to help pay for your expenses, but no more than 15 hours a week. Where do you think you might like to work while at college?
- ▶ If you start to struggle with classes or otherwise, it is up to you to take advantage of the help and support systems on campus. I am happy to offer advice and suggestions, but you need to exercise self-advocacy.
- ▶ If you are determined and focused in your studies, I believe you can be successful.
- ▶ Tell me about your proposed schedule for first semester classes.
- ▶ You will be making decisions on your own at college, but I am here for advice when you need it. Let's talk about things you will be doing on your own and see if there is any advice I can offer you now.



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