

SP³ - Student Planning Pointers for Parents



Conversation Starters

Course Planning Begins Before High School Does – 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 planning high school courses.

- ▶ Taking the right classes in the right order will help set a course for college. Let's work on this now in order to keep this option open for you and make sure you are on the right track for math and science classes.
- ▶ Taking harder classes than your friends most likely means additional study time, but you will find this paying off when you get a good job after college.
- ▶ Challenging yourself with difficult classes you may not like can mean the difference in college acceptance or receiving a scholarship. Consider giving one a try and do your best work in it. After all, nothing ventured is nothing gained.
- ▶ Let's review the classes that are needed to get into college and plot out a four year high school course of study that includes them. Here are a couple resources that will help us do that.
[Regent Admission Index required courses](#)
[Course-planning template](#)
- ▶ I will check in with you on _____ to see if you have this done. Then we can make an appointment with an ICAN advisor to help us review it.



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