

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



## Conversation Starters

### Check Your Student's Schedule – 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 reviewing next year's schedule and setting the foundation for a four-year plan.

- ▶ It is important to plan four years of high school courses to make sure you take all the classes needed to graduate and will help you get ready for life after high school.
- ▶ Taking college courses in high school — either free or at a reduced cost — is beneficial for earning college credits during high school and in reducing the amount of tuition we'll have to pay when you're actually in college, because you won't have to take those classes again.
- ▶ Math, science, English and foreign language classes are all core course requirements to graduate from high school and are also required for college admission. It's worth it to explore some advanced classes in those subjects to challenge your knowledge and abilities. It's also helpful for giving you exposure to the academic rigor you can expect to have in college.
- ▶ We should also make sure you take some classes you think will be fun.
- ▶ On (date and time), let's create your four-year academic plan together.
- ▶ Would you prefer that we meet with your school counselor to do this?



Student Planning Pointers for Parents

a service from



Programs from Iowa Student Loan Liquidity Corporation

in partnership with



EDUCATION  
NETWORK