

SP³ - Student Planning Pointers for Parents



Conversation Starters

Take a Valuable Detour on Summer Road Trips – 9th Grade

You know your student the best, so the following talking points are simply a guideline to use in starting a conversation with your 9th grader about investigating what college campuses or training programs are close to your route or destination if you're going on a summer family trip.

Before you go:

- ▶ While we are there, let's take an hour and visit this college to see what it's like.
- ▶ You may not end up being interested in it, but we can have fun looking.
- ▶ Beforehand, do a little research about the school and see what you would be interested in exploring there. What should we make sure to see?

While you are there:

- ▶ What are your impressions of this school?
- ▶ What do you think people like or dislike about it?

After you leave:

- ▶ So what did you think of it?
- ▶ Is your impression based on aesthetics or other observations?
- ▶ Could you see yourself at that school?



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