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## Conversation Starters

### Making the Connection Between Middle School and High School – 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 the importance of good grades and a successful future after high school.

- ▶ My expectation is that you will be independent after graduating from college and will no longer receive my financial support.
- ▶ Your future standard of living — what you buy and how you live — will be directly tied to your earnings, just like our current lifestyle is dependent upon my salary/wages.
- ▶ Your wages or salary are tied to your career, which you achieve after high school or college. A program certificate or college degree is the well-earned result of your high school achievements and choosing the appropriate training program or college major after high school.
- ▶ It's important for you to understand that your future job and standard of living are dependent upon your high school academic performance. The pathway to career success begins in high school with good grades and effective career exploration.



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