

SP³ - Student Planning Pointers for Parents



Conversation Starters

Understanding the Real Goals of 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 knowing — and staying focused on — the real goals that will help your student be successful in high school and beyond.

- ▶ It won't be long before you're a high school student. What are you most looking forward to?
- ▶ What are you concerned about?
- ▶ What do you think the goal of high school is?
- ▶ The purpose of high school is actually to prepare you for a career or college. One of the most important things you can do is get good grades.
- ▶ I am here to help you plan for after high school. That means I might ask you about grades or about how much time you spend studying so I can help you stay focused on your real goal.
- ▶ If it seems like the other things that you do will prevent you from reaching your goals, we will need to talk about cutting down on some activities. I want you to be able to make good choices on your own, and I know you might need help sometimes.



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