

**OCTOBER FOR FAMILIES OF 8THGRADE STUDENTS**

**NEWSLETTER TEMPLATE**

High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

**Planning for High School**

A step that you can take now to help your child prepare for high school is to learn what your child’s class schedule could be like and find out which courses colleges expect students to have taken.

One difference between middle school, or junior high, and high school is *prerequisite courses*. A prerequisite is a course that must be taken before another course. For example, students take math classes in a specific order.

Another difference is that almost all your child's middle school courses so far have been required courses. In high school, students must pass certain required courses in order to graduate. They will also be able to choose from a variety of *elective* courses, which can help students meet higher education requirements, follow their personal interests, or develop specific skills.

The courses your teen takes in middle school will lay the foundation for high school. When students have a strong education foundation at this level, they will be competitive in high school and more likely to have the necessary skills to be successful in higher education.

Later in the year, you will learn more about what types of classes your child should take in order to meet graduation requirements, pursue their dreams, and become college and career ready.

**Did You Know?**

Education could extend a person’s life? *It's true.* Life expectancy for the most educated American women is 10 years longer than for those who are the least educated. For men, the gap is even bigger: 14 years.

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**Upcoming Events & Announcements**

* **Family Event:**
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**Myth Buster**

**Student Checklist**

* **Establish a routine for study**. Find a comfortable spot with minimal distractions.
* **Learn about the differences** between doing homework, reviewing homework, and studying for quizzes and exams.

**Family Checklist**

* **Emphasize the importance of school** with your actions and your words.
* **Respect** your teen’s efforts.
* **Attend** school activities if possible.

**MYTH:** My child didn’t sign up for the College Bound Scholarship last year, and now it is too late to sign up.

**REALITY**: Students may be eligible if:

1. They are in 7th or 8th grade.
2. Their family meets the income requirements as listed in the brochure, flyer, or on [www.collegebound.wa.gov](http://www.collegebound.wa.gov/).
3. They have been a foster youth or a dependent of the state.
4. Their family receives basic food or TANF benefits.

Apply online or print an application form.

Remember, the deadline to apply is June 30 at the end of the student's 8th grade year. Students only have to apply once even if they move or change schools.

To learn more, please go to the website: [www.collegebound.wa.gov](http://www.collegebound.wa.gov)