

## Family Newsletters

Monthly family newsletter templates with college readiness and financial aid information for grades 7 through 12. Just add your school logo, events and contact information to customize for your school! Available in English and Spanish at:

<http://gearup.wa.gov/resources/family-newsletters>

Share with families:

- Mail home.
- Hand out copies at workshops, school or sports events.
- Email a copy home.
- Make it available online.

Month	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
<b>Sept.</b>	<a href="#">Welcome To Middle School</a>	<a href="#">Benefits of College</a>	<a href="#">Why go to College</a>	<a href="#">Dual Credit</a>	<a href="#">Entrance Exams</a>	<a href="#">Senior Year: Get Organized</a>
<b>Oct.</b>	<a href="#">College Bound Scholarship</a>	<a href="#">Create a High School and Beyond Plan</a>	<a href="#">9th Grade Matters</a>	<a href="#">Study Habits and Test Prep</a>	<a href="#">College Admission Requirements</a>	<a href="#">Senior Year: Get Organized</a>
<b>Nov.</b>	<a href="#">Keeping Your Options Open</a>	<a href="#">Study Skills and Homework Help</a>	<a href="#">Campus Visits</a>	<a href="#">College &amp; Career Pathways</a>	<a href="#">College "Fit"</a>	<a href="#">Resources &amp; Support Services in College</a>
<b>Dec.</b>	<a href="#">Grit &amp; Attitude</a>	<a href="#">Understanding College Costs</a>	<a href="#">Grades Matter</a>	<a href="#">Career Exploration</a>	<a href="#">High School and Beyond Plan &amp; Resumes</a>	<a href="#">Resources &amp; Support Services in College</a>
<b>Jan.</b>	<a href="#">The Cost of College</a>	<a href="#">Mentoring</a>	<a href="#">Financial Aid Basics</a>	<a href="#">Paying for College</a>	<a href="#">How to Apply for Financial Aid</a>	<a href="#">Searching for Scholarships</a>
<b>Feb.</b>	<a href="#">Friends Matter</a>	<a href="#">Growth Mindset</a>	<a href="#">Attendance Matters</a>	<a href="#">College Apps: Essays &amp; Interviews</a>	<a href="#">Scholarships</a>	<a href="#">Searching for Scholarships</a>
<b>Mar.</b>	<a href="#">Preparing for High School</a>	<a href="#">Right Classes for High School</a>	<a href="#">What it Takes to Graduate from High School</a>	<a href="#">Getting Back on Track</a>	<a href="#">Test Preparation</a>	<a href="#">What Happens After You Complete the FAFSA</a>
<b>Apr.</b>	<a href="#">Extracurricular Activities</a>	<a href="#">Staying on Track</a>	<a href="#">Extracurricular Activities Matter</a>	<a href="#">Visiting a College</a>	<a href="#">Campus Visits</a>	<a href="#">Making a Decision</a>
<b>May</b>	<a href="#">Career Exploration</a>	<a href="#">Careers &amp; Majors</a>	<a href="#">Majors 101</a>	<a href="#">Self-Doubt and Confidence</a>	<a href="#">Narrowing Down Options</a>	<a href="#">Next Steps</a>
<b>Summer</b>	<a href="#">Extracurricular Activities</a>	<a href="#">9th Grade Transition</a>	<a href="#">Summer Slide</a>	<a href="#">What to Do Over Summer</a>	<a href="#">Extracurricular Activities</a>	<a href="#">Transition to College</a>



## Family Engagement Resources

### Family Workshops

Washington State GEAR UP schools are required to offer a minimum of three family workshops per year. The focus of these workshops is financial literacy, college preparation, planning, and financial aid.

Suggested Family Workshop Topics					
7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
<a href="#">Why college?</a>	<a href="#">High school &amp; beyond</a>	<a href="#">Study skills &amp; growth mindset</a>	<a href="#">Dual credit</a>	<a href="#">Pre-college assessments &amp; fee waivers</a>	<a href="#">College admissions &amp; financial aid</a>
<a href="#">The cost of college, College Bound Scholarship sign-up</a>	<a href="#">Understanding college costs &amp; financial aid</a>	<a href="#">College &amp; career exploration</a>	<a href="#">Test preparation</a>	<a href="#">Scholarships</a>	<a href="#">Understanding award letters</a>
<a href="#">College &amp; career exploration</a>	<a href="#">Transition to high school</a>	<a href="#">CBS re-pledge &amp; thewashboard.org</a>	<a href="#">College &amp; career exploration</a>	<a href="#">Overview of senior year &amp; choosing a college</a>	<a href="#">Transition to college</a>

### Additional Resources

A complete Family Engagement Guide and other family toolkit resources can be found at <http://gearup.wa.gov/node/3550>.