

College Planning Guide

Planning for college is a team project that requires involvement from the school, the parents, and the student. It can be overwhelming for any one team member but, working together, it does not have to be burdensome. Below is a guide for parents and students at each grade level:

Freshman Year

- You are fortunate to attend St. Joseph High School, where our entire curriculum is designed to prepare you for college. Your part is to do the very best you can in each class! Go to tutoring when you need to. Your high school record starts **now**.
- Begin thinking about and investigating careers that interest you. Talk to people who are knowledgeable in the field.
- Start checking into colleges that you think you might want to attend. Watch for summer opportunities at those schools and visit as many as you can. Become familiar with their admission requirements and deadlines.
- Join and participate in extracurricular activities.
- Attend as many college related workshops as you can. Just learning some of the lingo associated with college admissions give you an edge later on.
- Keep track of your community service hours and time spent volunteering. Click here for an activities form to help you keep up with it all.
- Visit helpful websites such as www.collegeforalltexans.com, www.actstudent.org, www.collegeboard.org/student, www.edulaunchpad.com. Each has a wealth of information for finding the right college and paying for it.