



# How to Start Preparing for College NOW!

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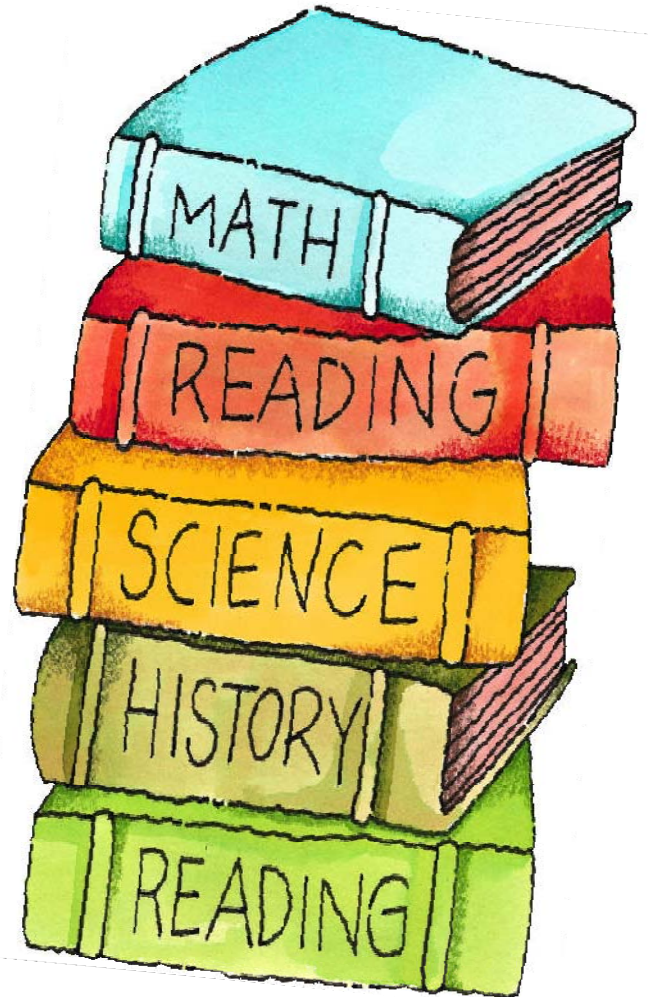
# Preparation

- Classes
- Counselors
- Extracurricular activities
- Research



# Classes

- Challenging
- Good grades
  - Time management
  - GPA
- AP courses



# Counselors

- Organize class schedule
  - Give advice on what classes to take
- Research and choose colleges
- Write letters of recommendation
- Navigate financial aid forms
- Serve as a guide





# Extracurricular Activities

- Leadership
  - Shows active participant
- Commitment
  - Doing an activity over a period of time
- Well balanced student
  - Examples: Sports, Clubs, Church, Community Service, etc.



# Research

- Careers
- Classes colleges require to complete in high school
- Create a 4 year plan to incorporate necessary classes
- Colleges that have your major



# Helpful Websites

- [Ecampustours.com](http://Ecampustours.com)
  - Virtual tours
  - Schedule campus visit online
  - Edadvisor: College planning newsletter
  - Scholarship Opportunities
  - College funding guide for updated financial aid information
  - See information about any college



- [Collegeboard.com](http://Collegeboard.com)

- SAT/ACT testing

- Information about colleges

- [FAFSA.ed.gov](http://FAFSA.ed.gov)

- Free Application For Federal Student Aid

- Provide money for college to eligible students



- College.gov


- Why go?


- Find your passion: Career possibilities

- What to do?

- How to prepare

- How to pay?

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- Testprepreview.com
    - SAT/ACT and many more tests (even some that you take in college and for graduate school)
      - Practice questions
      - Study guide
      - Flash cards

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- [Collegeprep101.com](http://Collegeprep101.com)
    - What it's like
    - College terminology
    - Success in college
    - Populations
    - What to bring to college

# Sources

- <http://www.ecampustours.com/collegeplanning/gettingstarted/fivehelpfulwebsitesforyourcollegeplanning>
- <http://www.collegeboard.org/>
- [www.college.gov](http://www.college.gov)
- <http://www.testprepreview.com/>
- [www.collegeprep101.com](http://www.collegeprep101.com)