



Texas GEAR UP Educator College-Prep Checklists

7th GRADE

PREPARING FOR HIGH SCHOOL

- ❑ **Prepare students for the transition to high school.**

RESOURCES

- <https://www.amle.org/BrowsebyTopic/WhatsNew/WNDet/TabId/270/ArtMID/888/ArticleID/117/Help-Students-Transition-to-High-School-Smoothly.aspx>
- https://education.ky.gov/educational/compschcouns/collegereadiness/Documents/6_Middle_to_High_School_Transition_Toolkit.pdf

- ❑ **Provide tips about time management and encourage students to practice it.**

RESOURCES

- <https://blog.asha.org/2015/05/07/executive-function-organization-time-management/>
- <https://www.time-management-success.com/time-management-lesson-plan.html>
- <https://flintobox.com/blog/child-development/teach-kids-time-management-skills>

- ❑ **Encourage students to think about and understand the importance of setting goals.**

RESOURCES

- https://www.texasgearup.com/educators-lounge/resources/pathwaystoperformance_7th8th
- <https://www.weareteachers.com/goal-setting-for-students/>
- <https://www.edutopia.org/blog/smart-goal-setting-with-students-maurice-elias>

- ❑ **Share information with students about the various endorsement tracks.**

RESOURCES

- <https://texasoncourse.org/whats-new/blog-high-school-endorsements-the-basics/>
- https://www.texasgearup.com/educators-lounge/resources/chartinggradplan_7th8th
- <https://texasoncourse.org/tools/high-school-endorsements-and-career-paths/>

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

- ❑ Introduce students to the importance of taking college-prep courses (AP and dual credit) in high school.

RESOURCES

- <https://blog.prepscholar.com/college-classes-for-high-school-students-ap-community-college>
- <https://oedb.org/advice/guide-to-earning-college-credit-in-high-school/>
- <https://student-tutor.com/blog/what-are-the-differences-between-ap-and-honors-classes/>
- <https://www.studydrive.com/ed/dual-enrollment/>

- ❑ Encourage students and parents to start the college conversation.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/middle-school-parents-college-prep-guide/>
- <https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/how-to-make-a-college-list/>
- [https://www.mycollegeoptions.org/Core/SiteContent/Students/Advice/College-Resource-Center/For-Parents/College-Preparation/How-to-Start-the-College-Conversation-\(Early\).aspx](https://www.mycollegeoptions.org/Core/SiteContent/Students/Advice/College-Resource-Center/For-Parents/College-Preparation/How-to-Start-the-College-Conversation-(Early).aspx)

- ❑ Teach students about interest inventories to help them begin research on majors and careers.

RESOURCES

- <http://www.educationplanner.org/students/self-assessments/index.shtml>
- <https://www.careeronestop.org/toolkit/careers/interest-assessment.aspx>
- <http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/sPages/interestAssessment.cfm>
- <https://careerwise.minnstate.edu/careers/assessmentsuite.html>

- ❑ Introduce students to the importance of extracurricular activities for discovering career interests and applying to college.

RESOURCES

- https://www.texasgearup.com/educators-lounge/resources/strengtheningidentity_7th8th
- <https://www.testive.com/extracurricular-activities/>
- <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/school-success/school-life/extracurricular-activities/best-bets-after-school.html>

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- ❑ Disseminate information to students and parents on financial literacy and saving for college.

RESOURCES

- https://www.texasgearup.com/educators-lounge/resources/collegecosts_v2_7th8th
- https://www.texasgearup.com/educators-lounge/resources/payingforcollege_7th8th
- <https://www.greatschools.org/gk/articles/middle-school-parents-guide-save-for-college/>

PREPARING FOR CAREER

- ❑ **Introduce students and parents to STEM courses and opportunities in those fields.**

RESOURCES

- <https://scienceexplorers.com/getting-kids-interested-stem/>
- <https://www.brighthorizons.com/family-resources/e-family-news/stem-education-what-is-stem-why-does-it-matter>
- <https://www.weareteachers.com/learn-how-to-get-girls-in-stem/>

- ❑ **Find ways for students to investigate and learn about careers.**

RESOURCES

- https://www.texasgearup.com/educators-lounge/resources/exploringcareers_7th8th
- <https://www.careeronestop.org/Toolkit/Careers/interest-assessment.aspx>
- <https://www.texasgearup.com/discover/explore>