



Texas GEAR UP Educator College-Prep Checklists

8th GRADE

PREPARING FOR HIGH SCHOOL

- ❑ Ensure students know about the different endorsements available in high school.

RESOURCE

- <https://www.mapmygrad.org/>

- ❑ Provide information to students about how high school courses are key to prepping for college.

RESOURCES

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/your-high-school-record/how-to-choose-high-school-electives>
- <https://www.aie.org/get-ready-for-college/preparing-for-college/academics/>

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

- ❑ Help students understand why attending and completing college is important.

RESOURCES

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/know-yourself/college-what-its-all-about-and-why-it-matters>
- <https://www.aie.org/get-ready-for-college/preparing-for-college/is-college-for-me/>

- ❑ Provide tips on how to start getting ready for college right now.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.texasgearup.com/hub/college-prep-tools>
- <http://knowhow2go.acenet.edu/middle-and-high-school-students/get-ready.html>
- <http://knowhow2go.acenet.edu/middle-and-high-school-students/make-a-plan.html>

APPLYING FOR COLLEGE

- ❑ Distribute information on the different types of colleges and the degrees they offer.

RESOURCE

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/college-101/quick-guide-your-college-degree-options>

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- ❑ Help students and their families start planning now for how to pay for college.

RESOURCES

- <http://www.collegesavings.org/>
- <http://www.educationplanner.org/students/paying-for-school/student-aid-checklists/middle-school.shtml>

PREPARING FOR CAREER

- ❑ Assist students with finding out their interests, likes, and dislikes as a way to identify possible career options.

RESOURCE

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/know-yourself/answer-10-questions-and-discover-your-future>

- ❑ Help students explore different careers so they can visualize their future.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.texasgearup.com/discover>
- <https://www.texasgearup.com/discover/explore>
- <http://knowhow2go.acenet.edu/middle-and-high-school-students/explore-your-interests.html>

- ❑ Inform students about how STEM careers are in high demand.

RESOURCE

- <https://www.napequity.org/professional-development/counselor-training/stem-careers-students/>

- ❑ Make sure students see their summers as the perfect time to grow academically and learn about different careers.

RESOURCE

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/inside-the-classroom/summer-learning-programs-what-why-and-how>