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PREPARING FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

By EOC Specialist

As graduates begin their transition to college it's important to have a plan of action. Listed below are four things that every high school student should know if they want to pursue a degree in higher education.

1) Your Guidance Counselor/ EOC Representative is Your Advocate

Any career services or guidance counselors that your school has in place are put there for a reason! These services are set up to inspire, motivate, and guide you through your next steps in life. Students are encouraged to go to guidance counselors for advice on which courses to take to best prepare them for the type of university they want to go to after. Students can also ask guidance counselors for school recommendations that may best fit their financial and lifestyle needs. Career services are also a great way to get your foot in the door to work experience even before leaving high school. These services will also give you assistance in creating your resume as well as a professional looking cover letter.

2) Understand College Requirements and Expectations for Admission

Every school has certain requirements and expectations in terms of grades, test scores, resume experience, and more. Before taking any test like the SATs, ACTs, or any other standardized test, it is important to note which ones your desired school will actually look at.

3) Build Relationships to Gain References

Throughout high school, it is important to build genuine relationships with different teachers. Some students will have to ask two to four teachers to write recommendation letters for college applications. This process is easier if the teacher knows the student very well. The more detailed and enthusiastic the letter is, the better it will look to prospective colleges.

Recommendation letters can also be given by past coaches, mentors, and work supervisors. These are also just as effective as letters from your academic teachers. Before you begin your application process, make a list of five to ten people who might be willing to write you a letter. Always give these people enough time in advance to write you a sufficient letter.

4) Research Different Options for Financial Aid

It is important to be proactive when looking into different options for financial aid. Most students will need some type of financial assistance, and knowing which option is best for you, at an early stage, will increase your chance of saving the most money. There are different options for college students such as loans, scholarships, grants from outside sources, financial aid from the government, etc.



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