



MIDDLE SCHOOL COLLEGE CHECKLIST

Middle school is a time to build skills around studying, time management and personal responsibility. Grades, test scores and activities from middle school will not be used for college admissions, however, they serve to foster growth that will set you up for success in high school*. Here are some things you can do in middle school to help you prepare for college.

- ❑ Strive for good grades. These grades may not be used when applying to college, but the skills you develop to help you achieve them will also help you earn good grades in high school.
- ❑ Explore extracurricular activities that are exciting, engaging and meaningful to YOU. Colleges like to see students who are pursuing things they love- regardless of what that actually is. By exploring and getting involved now, you are opening doorways for more opportunity in high school to pursue your interests in depth.
- ❑ It's never too early to explore college options. Visit local colleges to get a sense of the different options that are out there. Keep an open mind- there are thousands of great colleges to choose from!
- ❑ Start thinking about the careers you are interested in. Usually, what you love to learn about and engage in, is a good indication of the kinds of careers you would be successful in.

* The exception to this is College Prep Foreign Language or Math courses taken in middle school. These courses may be included in the college admissions process. Ask your counselor if you have questions.