



ELEMENTARY COLLEGE PREP CHECKLIST

If you have a K-5 student and are wondering where to start, here are just a few suggestions for preparing for a successful journey to higher education.

- Start **saving for college**, either in a savings account or a 529 plan.
- Instill a love for learning by reading books to your child and engaging in homework and projects.
- Celebrate your children's efforts that lead to their accomplishments to encourage continued learning and goal setting. Emphasize that it is okay not to always succeed — these are just opportunities to grow and learn.
- Talk to your children using the following conversation starters:
 - Tell them how you prepared for your career.
 - Ask them what subject they like best in school.
 - Ask them what they want to be when they grow up.
 - Ask them what they are really good at.
 - Ask them about what they think makes them unique.