

Elementary Parent Guide to College & Career Readiness

Really? I need to think about life after high school while my child is in elementary school?

Yes, you really do. Research shows that the progress a child makes towards college and career readiness by 8th grade is critical to their future success. That means that the foundation is laid during the upper elementary years.

Here are some career development and academic skills and knowledge that will help your child be ready for college and career.



Success in early reading and math: The student can read on grade-level and do grade-level math by the end of second grade.

Personal Responsibility: The student exhibits good work habits. Help your child by increasing responsibility around the house and for doing schoolwork.



Interpersonal relationships: The student interacts positively with those around him/her. Help your child by exposing them to experiences that require that they work or play with others.

Decision making: The student understands the decision-making process. Encourage your child to make decisions on their own – perhaps with a small spending budget or arranging a family day out. Anything that involves choices.

Career Development Skills *

- Awareness of the relationship between school and work.
- Skills to understand and use career information.
- Awareness of the benefits of academic achievement.
- Awareness of different occupations and the changing gender roles.
- Awareness of the career planning process.

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