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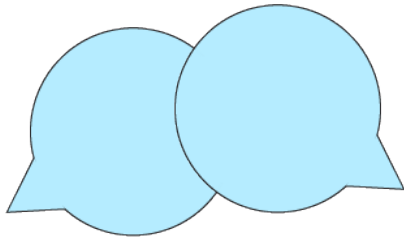


Parent Toolkit: Elementary to Career

YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE STARTS WITH YOU!

In today's world, most jobs require a college degree to get in the land of opportunities. As a parent, you are an essential role when it comes to planning for your child's future. The Alamo Colleges District believes it is never too early to start thinking about your child's future in college and the career paths they could explore.

Preparing in Elementary

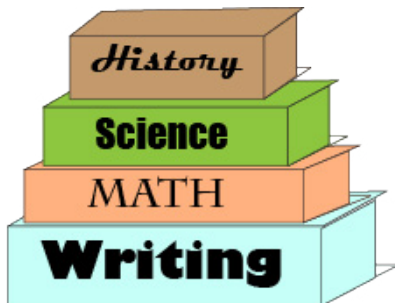
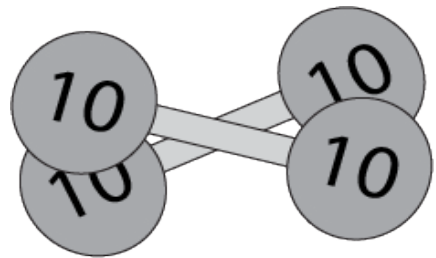


Start the Conversation

Teaching your child about college and careers will help your child begin thinking about their future. Engage your child in talks about what they want to be when they grow up, and how college can help them succeed.

Find your child's strengths!

Begin researching and exploring your child's interest. What are their hobbies? Learning about your child's personality and interest provides insight in finding career choices.



Make Homework a Priority

Make sure that your child clearly understands their homework. Homework is a chance for self-learning. Spend time reading aloud and/or have your child read to themselves. Practice writing and make sure your child knows how to communicate clearly.

Create Goals

Goals can teach your child responsibility and the hard work needed to reach a goal. If your child doesn't reach their goals, push him or her to try again. Goals create a positive learning environment for knowing how to correct mistakes for a better outcome next time.



Start Saving for College

It's never too early to start saving for college. Get an estimate of what college may cost when they are ready to attend. [Saving Early = Saving Smart](#)

Exploring Careers!

Does your child know what they want to be when they grow up? Do they like helping animals, constructing things, or are they into arts? Exploring the potential career choices for your child at an early age can help your child develop a mindset based on their future. Below are resources that may help lead your child towards finding their career matches.

Kids Work! (3rd - 5th)

A virtual community of workplaces, designed to give students an interactive job exploration experience that connects school work to real work. www.knowitall.org/series/kids-work

Careers Are Everywhere! Activity Workbook (K - 6th)

The activities in this workbook are intended to be fun and challenging. They have been designed around the building blocks of the elementary National Career Development Guidelines with the goal of raising career awareness. http://breitlinks.com/careers/career_pdfs/CareerActivitiesBook.pdf

Paws in Jobland (1st - 2nd)

Paws in Jobland takes elementary school students on a lively tour through the neighborhood of jobland. Along the way, they learn how to identify personal interests and explore careers. <https://pawsm.xap.com/paws-mobile/index.html#/>

Career VIEW (K - 5th)

Career View provides elementary worksheets/ lessons, activities, and more for each grade level. <http://www.vacareerview.org/k5/print-it/career-puzzles-and-more>

Jobs! A Career Coloring Book (K - 2nd)

This coloring book introduces students in grades K through 2 to the world of work. Featuring a poem and fun illustrations of sample jobs for coloring. https://lmci.state.tx.us/shared/PDFs/Jobs_career_coloring_book.pdf

Starting The Conversation

Talk With Your Kids About Their Future TODAY
https://lmci.state.tx.us/shared/PDFs/STC_Today.pdf

Building Math and Reading Skills

Helping your child Learn Mathematics (K-5)

This booklet includes a range of activities for families with children from preschool age through grade 5. The activities are designed for you to have fun with your child while developing and reinforcing mathematical skills.

<https://www.esc20.net/upload/page/1318/docs/HelpingYourChildLearn.pdf>

Math Tips for Parents

From summer learning to year round math tips, find answers and advice for supporting your child in mathematics.

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/math/math-tips-for-parents/>

Great Math Website for Kids (Ages Birth to 14)

Great Websites for Kids is a compilation of exemplary websites geared to children from birth to age 14.

<http://gws.ala.org/category/mathematics-computers>

Interactive Math Glossary (K-8)

This glossary is helpful to parents in exploring and understanding mathematics vocabulary used in the K-8 math TEKS.

http://jukebox.esc13.net/interactiveGlossary/HTML_files/_interactiveVocabularySearch.html

6 Practical Ways Parents Can Support Literacy

<https://www.esc20.net/upload/page/1325/docs/6PracticalWaysParentsCanSupportLiteracy.pdf>

Starfall (K - 2)

Starfall's intuitive learning environment encourages children to explore letters and sounds, word recognition, reading comprehension and fluency.

<https://teach.starfall.com/lv/info/parents>

Start with a Book: Read. Talk. Explore!

The free resources from Start with a Book build on what young children already like — dinosaurs, building, animals, sports, superheroes and music — so that parents, camp counselors, and others can have fun and interact meaningfully with children while helping to strengthen their reading skills.

<http://www.startwithabook.org/>

Reading Rockets

Celebrate the joy of reading and writing with daily children's literature quiz, reading adventure packs, colorful bilingual door hangers and other fun printable, e-cards, quotable quotes, and web widgets.

<http://www.readingrockets.org/books/fun>

Saving for College

Every penny saved is one less you'll have to repay! Get started on saving for your child's college fund. Check out these resources on saving early for your child's education.

College Savings Resources

Texas Tuition Promise Fund <https://www.texastuitionpromisefund.com/>

Texas College Savings Plan <https://www.texascollegesavings.com/>

LoneStar 529 Plan <https://www.lonestar529.com/>

Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan <https://www.tgtp.org/>

Saving Early = Saving Smart! <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/saving-early.pdf>



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