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College means any school or program after high school.

Getting to college can be stressful. You may think you need to have everything figured out before you pick a school and you may also be worried about the cost. Here are some steps to guide you along the journey.

1. 9-12th Grade- Focus on your classes and your grades. All your grades accumulate for your cumulative GPA and credit totals. Your GPA can be an important factor on future opportunities, depending on what you want to do.
2. Use your You Science Profile Results to explore your aptitudes, interests, and career matches or use the O*NET Online Website- <https://www.onetonline.org> when searching careers.
3. Job Shadow- If or when you have an idea of a career you'd like to know more about. Contact someone in that field or at the business/organization to ask about getting a job shadow scheduled. This is where you go and meet with an individual in that career and spend time observing what they do or have a conversation about their education background, what they do on a daily basis, etc.
4. Choosing a college- Spend time looking online for schools that 'fit' what you are looking for. Use this college checklist and comparison sheet (to the right and in google classroom). Once you have chosen a few schools you are interested in, make a list of the schools and when their application deadlines are.
5. Visit the College- Once you've chosen some options for college, make arrangements to visit those schools. Do this by calling the admissions office and setting up a date and time. CHS also has a lot of college representatives come to the high school. If you are unable to visit the campus, take advantage of them coming to you.

6. Paying for College- Talk with your student and or family about how you are going to pay for school. Will the student need to pay for school, will the family be able to contribute?
 1. Work and Save Money
 2. Search for Scholarships (See link to the right)
 3. Education Investment Accounts