



South Dakota College Application Week

Parent Checklist: September

Congratulations! Your students has made it to their senior year. This is cause for celebration, but also an important year in planning for life after high school. We have high expectations of all of our students and will be working closely to make sure they have plans to continue their education, training, and development. We will be distributing updates monthly so you know what your student is doing to prepare and the best ways you can support their future.

- Make a post high-school plan.**
 - Encourage your student to share their career goals and support them in their educational aspirations.
- Figure out the perfect “fit.”**
 - Talk to your student about keeping and sharing a calendar of deadlines and organizing material with you. Check in regularly with your student on how the college application process is going.
- Get ready for payday.**
 - Have a conversation with your student about the cost of college and what you will be able to contribute. See the Estimated Family Contribution calculator on BigFuture.com.
- Stay on Track.**
 - Talk to your student to make sure he/she is on track to graduate and enter college.
- Sign up for the ACT.**
 - If your student hasn't take the test yet or wants to retake it, make sure your students signs up for the test in time!
- Look out for special circumstances.**
 - Look up specific deadlines and requirements with your student if they are interested in playing sports in college, going an art or music school, or joining the military.

This month's conversation starter: “What do you imagine yourself doing in 10 years? How will you get there?”