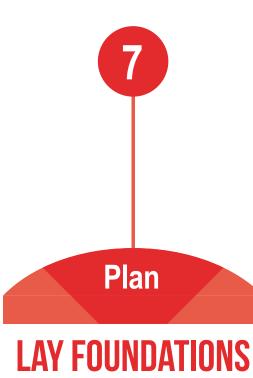
# CAREER & COLLEGE PLANNING IMFIINF



### good fits for you. Stay involved.

HIGH SCHOOL

Take challenging classes, learn how to

calculate your GPA and find out about

high school diploma requirements. Note

what you're good at and what you like to

do. Take the ASPIRE test and start explor-

ing colleges and careers that would be

**FOR SUCCESS** Develop strong study skills and habits. Learn how to set short-term goals. Surround yourself with people, like peers, mentors and counselors, who will

guide, motivate and help you succeed.

Get involved in sports, clubs, activities

and/or community service.

**Prepare** 

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## **GET READY FOR**

**Explore** 

#### **IDENTIFY GOALS** & RESOURCES

Take the first steps on your pathway by identifying long-term goals and exploring available resources, including tutoring and counseling. Do Naviance college and career activities. Begin making meaningful connections with at least three teachers for future references.

#### **START CONTROL** OF YOUR FUTURE

Continue your explorations by interviewing people in careers of interest to you. Advocate for yourself with your teachers and counselors as you forecast your coursework. Take national standardized tests. Use the summer break to further your goals and planning for the future.

#### **Advocate**



**Visit** 

#### **DEFINE YOUR FUTURE**

Develop a list of several colleges you are interested in and start visiting these campuses. Register for the SAT, ACT and/or ASVAB. Search for scholarships. Create a timeline with deadlines for college and scholarship applications. Start drafting your personal statements. Stay involved!

#### **MAKE IT HAPPEN**

Ask for letters of recommendation. Complete applications by their stated deadlines. Submit the FAFSA in October. Take the SAT or ACT for the second time. Review financial aid awards. Keep up your grades! Choose your college by May 1 and sign up for summer orientation.

**Apply**