



Midway through

It's hard to believe you are already midway through the first semester. Time is flying by, so be sure and double-check all of your deadlines. Don't forget about big projects, tests, and especially, your grade point average!

Remember Me

SAT Registration

October **9**

SAT Test Date

October **11**

ACT Test Date

October **25**

ACT Registration

November **7**

SAT Test Date

November **8**

ACT Test Date

December **13**

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High School Students

- If you haven't taken the [ACT](#) or [SAT](#) yet, consider signing up. If you're planning to take the [PSAT](#), remember, you have to take it as a junior to qualify for some scholarships.
- As you think about what classes you'll take next semester, consider enrolling in [Advanced Placement](#) or Dual-Credit courses. Taking college credit courses in high school can save you both time and money.
- If you're thinking about college for the future, the Missouri Department of Higher Education [recommends](#) you take at least two credits of a foreign language. Include those electives and four math credits in your high school plan to better [prepare](#) you for college.

Seniors

- It's not too early to start looking for [scholarships](#). Schedule some time to meet with your school counselor to find out what organizations offer local scholarships.
- Get and stay organized. Mark your calendar with admissions, financial aid and other deadlines so they don't sneak up on you.
- [College Application Week](#) is this month. Participate even if your high school isn't. Apply to your top three schools during the week of Oct. 20-24.
- Go on college visits. Take the guided tours, but be sure to explore on your own as well. The visit may end up being your deciding factor.
- Don't miss out on other college tips and information about scholarship opportunities. Follow Journey to College on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

College Students

- If you haven't made a [spending plan](#), now is the time. Figure out how much you're actually paying for college, and see if you're borrowing too much money. You will have to pay it back, so it's better to borrow only what you need. Learn how to manage your debt now with these [helpful hints](#).
- If you receive the [Bright Flight Scholarship](#), keep in mind that as a renewal student a 2.5 cumulative GPA is required to continue receiving the award.
- If you're worried about your grades, meet with your instructors for help, or go to a campus tutoring program. You don't want to lose your financial aid or have to drop a class late in the semester after already paying for it.

Parents

- If your child hasn't taken the [ACT](#) or [SAT](#) yet, encourage them to sign up. Then, help them prepare by enrolling in a prep-class or utilizing the free [practice tools](#) online.
- Be supportive and encouraging. Your child may not know what they want to do, or where they want to go. Help them develop a [plan](#) and prepare while in high school. Encourage them to take a wide variety of courses to get a better idea of their interests.
- If your child is already in college, help them develop a [spending plan](#). Discourage them from taking on any more [debt](#) than needed. Use the [repayment estimator](#) to see how much they can actually afford to borrow.