

Back to class

Summer break is over and it's time to get back to the classroom. A new school year means a fresh start and a whole host of to-dos. If you're starting high school this year it's important to work hard and discover your interests. Incoming seniors, graduation will be here soon — time to start planning for your future! And college students, learn as much as you can. Remember, you're preparing for a career.

Remember Me

ACT Test Date

September **10**

SAT Late Registration

September **13**

ACT Registration

September **16**

SAT Test Date

October **1**

SAT Registration

October **7**

ACT Test

October **22**

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High School Students

- High school is a great time to explore your interests. By trying out new subjects and researching potential careers now, you'll have a better idea of what type of schooling you'll need after high school to achieve your dreams. Decide what you like to do and go for it!
- Join clubs or organizations, get involved in sports or tutoring. Even if you don't have time to do a lot, it's important to be involved in some extra-curricular activities.
- School is about learning — that's why you're there. Embrace the projects and go the extra mile on your term papers. Try not to procrastinate too much, your grades will count when it comes time for scholarships and applying to college.

High School Seniors

- Senior year means a lot of fun - and a lot of responsibility! Make a [to-do list](#) to stay on track.
- If your school is hosting Apply Missouri events, take advantage of the activities offered. Use Journey to College [online resources](#) to help you navigate the application process.
- You'll want to complete the 2017-2018 [FAFSA](#) as soon as possible after Oct. 1. You and at least one of your parents should sign up for an [FSA ID](#) prior to filing the FAFSA. An FSA ID is a username and password that allows you to sign and submit your application electronically.

SEPTEMBER TO-DO LIST

1. [Research](#) potential careers and [find schools](#) that have your desired programs.
2. Apply to more than one college.
3. You and at least one of your parents need to sign up for an [FSA ID](#).
4. Sign up to retake the ACT or SAT to improve your score.
5. Research and apply for scholarships.

College Students

- Have you checked your degree map? A degree map outlines which classes are necessary to graduate in your field. If you are thinking about dropping a class, consider how it will effect your finances, as well as your plan to graduate on time. Be sure to take 15 credit hours each semester to graduate with an associate degree in two years, or a bachelor's degree in four. Although 12 hours is considered full time for financial aid, 15 hours is full time academically.
- Keep track of your student loans at [NSLDS.ed.gov](#), and be sure to borrow only what you need. Remember, you can turn down all or part of a student loan offered to you. Visit your financial aid office for help.
- If you have a [scholarship](#), keep track of continuing requirements for renewal. Some scholarships require a certain grade point average and minimum number of credit hours per semester. You may also have to submit an application each year.

Parents

- Back to school can be stressful for you and your child. Help your high schoolers by asking about their day and writing down big deadlines and events on a family calendar.
- Fall is a great time for college visits. Even if you don't schedule an official visit, taking your teenagers to walk around campus and get a feel for the atmosphere can help them get excited for the future. It can help to create a college-going culture in your family.
- If your child's school is hosting a college fair, be sure to go! It's a great way to get a lot of information about several schools all in one place.