

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Beginning to plan for college in elementary school may seem early, but we assure you it is not. We find that establishing routines while children are just getting started in their educational journey helps set them up for success.

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- Create a daily schedule.** Allow time for eating, homework, fun and sleep.

 - Add school calendar dates on family calendar.**

 - Start saving for higher education.** Use available resources, such as the financial planners at Delta County Credit Union, to help develop a savings plan.
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MIDDLE SCHOOL

Middle School is where students begin having more academic choices. Becoming more involved in extracurricular activities and the community may help your child discover their passion and, possibly, their future career. It takes the cooperation of parents and students to ensure goals are met.

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- Make a commitment to succeed in school and attend higher education.** Set academic goals as a family to include good attendance, sleep and developing good study habits.

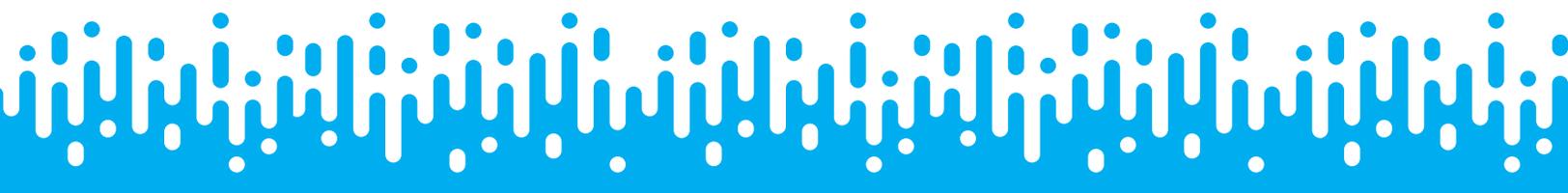
 - Take challenging courses.** Enroll in appropriate or special curriculum options that will prepare the student to take college-ready courses in high school.

 - Begin an Activity Log.** Track any volunteering/extracurricular activities and keep a log of hours spent. Save this information for future applications to schools and scholarships.

 - Participate/Volunteer in school, community, organizations and clubs.** Track on Activity Log.

 - Explore career possibilities by getting involved in projects.** Track on Activity Log.

 - Start/continue saving for higher education.** Use available resources, such as the financial planners at Delta County Credit Union.
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PARENTS

Here are a few things to remember as you help your child navigate their pre-higher education years:

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- Be involved in child's life, both academically and socially.** Attend all parent events, regularly check school's website and stay on top of teacher communications.

 - Encourage a healthy lifestyle.** This includes healthy eating and sleep habits as well as participation in school and extracurricular activities.

 - Be a good listener.** Recognize the changes your child will experience during these years.

 - Allow your child to develop their personality.** While you want to support your child, it is equally important they develop problem-solving skills.

 - Set a good example.** If school isn't important to you, then it likely won't be important to your child.

 - Ask for help.** Planning for higher education can feel overwhelming. And while it may feel far away, your child will graduate before you know it. Team DCCU is here to help! Visit www.DeltaCountyCU.com/CollegeRoadMap
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