

## Preparing for College

### Diploma or GED?

Getting a high school diploma is a great accomplishment. Nothing can take the place of classroom instruction and interaction with teacher. Under certain circumstances students may take the General Education Development, known as the GED test. See [www.gedtest.org](http://www.gedtest.org) for qualification to take this test.

### Recommended or Distinguished Program?

A college bound student must complete either the Recommended or Distinguished High School Program. Start planning and thinking about which graduation plan you will pursue. For a student to be valedictorian or salutatorian they must graduate under the Distinguished Degree Program.

## Websites

### College Tuition and Financial Aid

#### College for All Texans:

<http://www.collegeforalltexas.com>

#### Free Application for Federal Student Aid

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>

#### Texas Tomorrow Fund

<http://www.texastomorrowfunds.org>

#### Texas Grant

<http://www.window.state.tx.us/scholars/aid/txtexasII.html>

#### Average Cost of College Tuition

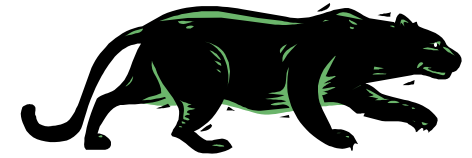
<http://nces.ed.gov/fastfacts/display.asp?id=76>

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What do I need to know about my child's college education at the Intermediate School level?



### Reasons To Get A College Education

- Better qualified for a career
- Better choices of career
- Continue education
- **74% HIGHER SALARY**
- Better benefits
- More leisure time

Source: <http://www.questionsaboutcollege.com/why-should-i-go-to-college.htm>

# College and Your Intermediate Student

Preparation for college can not start too early. Any student wanting to receive a college education can. There are many opportunities to continue you child's education giving him/her the tools and opportunities to reach his/her career goal in life. Students that are in the top 10% of their graduating class have automatic admission to general academic teaching institutions in the state of Texas. Therefore providing information and guidance now can insure your child's entrance and success at college.

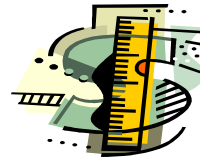


**Why should I be concerned about college with my Intermediate School child?**

## Planning Ahead for College Tuition

There are many options available to help with the cost of a college education.

1. **Start saving now.** A \$100 a month investment at 2% interest will net \$10,193 in 8 years.
2. **Talk to your banker about Educational IRAs or Texas 529 Savings Plan.**
3. **The Texas Tomorrow Fund allows you to set in today's college tuition prices.**
4. **Federal Financial Aid is available for most college students.**
5. **Scholarships are available for many students.**
6. **If your child earns an associate's degree from a community college and then transfers to a Texas public university within a year, he/she may be eligible for the TEXAS Grant.**



**How will I pay for my child's college education?**

## What can I do now to help prepare my Intermediate School child for college?

- **Help her/him develop good study skills**
- **Instill the importance of a college education**
- **Talk about the benefits of college**
- **Make sure he/she attends school regularly**
- **Remind her/him if you are in the top 10% you will be admitted into that state college you would like to attend.**
- **Encourage your child to read and learn about the college of their choice.**
- **Research and find out about the job he/she is interested in pursuing.**

