

READY >>SET>> COLLEGE!

Ready>Set>College! is a parent and student engagement program that provides tools and resources needed to be prepared for opportunities after high school including the college preparation, application and attendance processes.

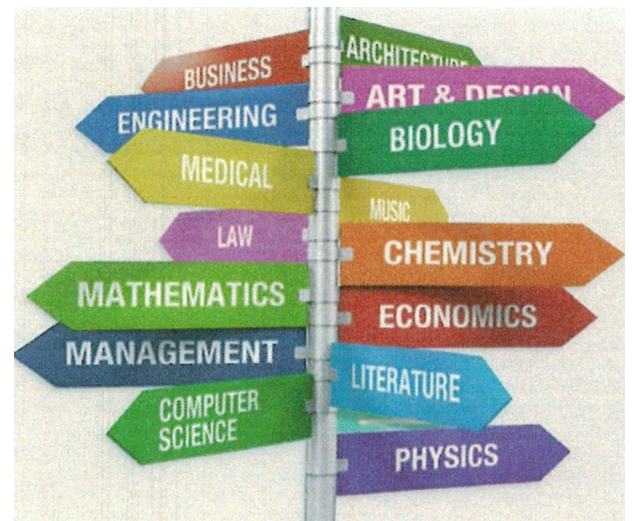
Information and vocabulary are provided in a fun and informal way, taking away the fear barrier that is often associated with post-secondary education and setting students on the path to empowerment. Lessons have been designed by a former middle school teacher, and aligned to AVID strategies.

Ready, Set, College! for students can take place during the school day, during out of school time, or over the summer. With lessons in English and Spanish, students are sure to get engaged.

Normally presented in five 90 minute sessions, participants explore the post-secondary process. Each class builds on the previous information with the culminating lesson leaving participants prepared to take independent next steps.

The sessions include the following:

- 1) **An Overview of Higher Education**
 - o Student Engagement and Success
 - o The Education Pipeline
 - o Benefits and Challenges
 - o Commonly Held Myths
- 2) **Degrees, Jobs and Salaries**
 - o Perspectives, Opportunity, Resources and Money
 - o Jobs and Salaries in the United States
- 3) **Choosing a Post-Secondary Path**
 - o Middle School and High School Preparation
 - o House Bill 5 and How it Works
 - o Needs Analysis: High School vs College
 - o Preparation for the College Experience
- 4) **The Costs of College and How to Pay for It:**
 - o Financial Aid Terms
 - o Completing the FAFSA
 - o Grants, Loans, Scholarships and Work Study
 - o Where to Apply for Additional Funds



READY >>SET>> COLLEGE!

5) **Connecting the Dots:**

- o Review of Information
- o Application Checklist
- o Getting a Head Start on College Preparation
- o Resources for Continued Success

Ready, Set, College! can be adapted to meet the needs of individual schools and the students in attendance. Additional information has been added for Early College High Schools, and more in-depth information on financial aid has been included at the request of participants.