

Student's Name: _____



7th, 8th, & 9th Grade	Personal	Talk with your child about the benefits of attending college.	
		Encourage your child to begin identifying career interests.	
	Academic	Encourage your child to enroll in 8th grade algebra.	
		Find out what types of courses are required for college admission & high school graduation.	
Financial	Open a college savings account (CollegeAccess 529 Plan).		
Planning	Help your child start a South Dakota college planning guide.		
10th Grade	Academic	Encourage your child to sign up for COMPASS, PSAT Tests.	
		Help your child start a "Career and Education Planning Portfolio".	
	Financial	Complete a federal financial aid calculation guide with your child.	
	Planning	Help your child collect information about five colleges they might attend.	
11th Grade	Academic	Encourage your child to sign up for COMPASS, Advanced Placement, PSAT, SAT, ACT Tests.	
	Financial	Keep financial and tax records for reference.	
		Attend a financial aid planning meeting with your child.	
		Help your child search for scholarships.	
	Planning	Help your child investigate the availability of financial aid.	
Review the information received from colleges and if necessary, request more information.			
12th Grade	Academic	Help schedule visits to the top-five college campuses and then visit them.	
		Encourage your child to sign up for COMPASS, CLEP, Advanced Placement, SAT, ACT Tests.	
	Financial	Apply for financial aid after January 1st and before March 1st to qualify for financial aid and scholarships.	
		Help your child apply for Scholarships from their top-five colleges.	
	Planning	Help your child fill out college applications.	
		Help your child select the college they will attend.	
Help your child select and purchase a personal computer.			
		Help your child decide where to live during college.	