

# COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS

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IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY!

## How Can I Help?

Many times each year, we are asked, "What can I do to help my child be prepared for college?"

In 9th, 10th, or 11th grade, those things are easily identified- enroll in rigorous courses, conduct college searches, fill out financial aid and scholarship information, register for college entrance exams such as ACT or SAT, apply to schools, and plan budgets.

Yet, college and career readiness does not begin in high school. The truth is, preparing your child for post-secondary education and career begins quite early.

In GISD, we strive to create a culture where all students are College and Career Ready. We want every child to be prepared, regardless of their path.



## Plan For Your Future- Today!

While there is no single answer that prepares every child for his or her career, there are several goals that you can help your child attain.



### EXPLORE

Talk about the future. Ask your child about his or her interests. Explore career options.



### PLAN

Plan ahead. The choices made in elementary school DO make a difference.



### ACT

Help your child set goals and work hard to achieve them.

# College & Career Readiness For Elementary



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## KINDERGARTEN:

Math: ask your child questions that require counting up to 20 things (how many stuffed animals are there?)

Reading: listen to a story read aloud. (Wordless books can be included)  
Retell the story using the pictures

## FIRST GRADE:

Math: identify all the combinations that make numbers up to 10 (ex:  $7 = 3+4$ ,  $5+2$ ,  $6+1$ ,  $7+0$ ,  $10-3$ ,  $9-2$ ,  $8-1...$ )

Reading: read and write basic sentences, read aloud (and understand what is read) 20 minutes per night with an adult

## SECOND GRADE:

Math: identify all the combinations the make numbers up to 20 (ex:  $13 = 9+4$ ,  $11+2$ ,  $12+1$ ,  $19-6$ ,  $15-2$ ,  $14-1...$ )

Reading: read and write in complete sentences, read aloud (and understand what is read) 25 minutes per night

## THIRD GRADE:

Math: have your child explain how he/she solved a math problem- don't accept, "I just know"

Reading: read and comprehend on grade level (fiction and nonfiction)

Pass state assessment (STAAR) in both math and reading

## FOURTH GRADE:

Math: explain how basic division and multiplication facts are related ( $8 \times 8 = 64$  and  $64 \div 8 = 8$ ,  $7 \times 5 = 35$  and  $35 \div 7 = 5$  etc)

Reading: read and comprehend on grade level (fiction and nonfiction)

Writing: is able to express their thoughts through writing

Pass state assessment (STAAR) in reading, writing, and math

## FIFTH GRADE:

Math: use estimation to help solve real-world problems (ex: At the grocery store: about how much will these 5 items cost?)

Reading: read and comprehend text on grade level

Pass state assessments (STAAR) in math, reading, and science

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"Generally, the more standards a student can demonstrate successfully, the more likely it is that he or she will be college and career ready."

- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

1. Read Together Daily
2. Ask Thinking Questions
3. Develop Study Habits
4. Play Games as a Family
5. Visit College Campuses
6. Practice Math Facts
7. Use Technology
8. Get & Stay Organized
9. Attendance is Crucial
10. Explore Places (zoo, aquarium, library...)

### READING IS FUNDAMENTAL

Research shows that students that are reading and comprehending on grade level are less likely to be at risk in their later years. Reading is the foundation for every subject your child will take.

## CONTACTS

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College & Career Readiness Facilitator

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## COLLEGE EXPOS

Elementary - April 17, 2013 6:00 PM  
Middle - November 7, 2012 6:00 PM  
High - September 18, 2012 6:30 PM

All Expos are at Curtis Culwell Center