

# COLLEGE PREPARATION MAP

## THE STUDENT

- Extracurricular interests
- Strengths and weaknesses
- Favorite experience
  - Camp
  - Work
  - Internship

### DETAILS

- Current classes
- Current GPA, PSAT, SAT, ACT
- Test prep if needed

### PERSONALITY

- Myers-Briggs
- Holland

### FUTURE CLASSES

- Meeting requirements to graduate
- AP courses
- Dual enrollment

## MAJORS/CAREERS

- Review personality testing
- Present options for careers/majors
- Consider student feedback
- Discuss courses and length of study associated with potential majors

### COLLEGE MATCHES

- Potential universities or colleges with degree programs discussed
- Student meets admission requirements
- Student preferences
- Parent preferences
- Personalized list of colleges

## WHERE TO APPLY?

- Compare colleges
  - Location
  - Cost
  - Size
  - Extracurriculars, etc.
- Safety-Net School

### VISITS

- How to schedule a visit
- When to visit
- Types of visits
  - Tours
  - Shadowing

### SCHOLARSHIPS

- Search strategies
- University scholarships and deadlines
- Outside academic scholarships
- Local scholarships

## APPLICATIONS

- Schedule/organize to meet deadlines
- Required fees, essays, letters of recommendation
- Send transcripts
- Personal statement

### ESSAYS

- It's all about you!  
How to make your student stand out
- Outline essay
- Proofread essay
- Why do you want to go to this school?
- Research specifics, use your knowledge from visits

### LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

- Who to ask?
  - Teacher (challenging course)
  - Employer
  - Alumni
  - Community member (important)
  - Pastor (personal insight)
- What to ask?
- How to ask?
  - Draft a letter of request