Your eighth grader’s success begins with you.

Along with your child’s teachers, you play the most important role in her education. Find out what your child is learning this year and how you can make education a top priority at home.

What is my child learning this year?

Below are some of the key things your child will be learning this year. Use this list with your child’s teacher to set goals and to make sure he is on track to succeed.

**English Language Arts & Literacy**

+ Determine the central idea of a passage and analyze its development over the course of the text, including its relationship to supporting ideas or events.
+ Compare and contrast the structure (organization) of two or more texts and analyze how the differing structures contribute to the meaning.
+ Analyze the author’s point of view or purpose in a text and analyze how the author acknowledges the conflicting evidence or viewpoints.
+ Determine the meaning of unfamiliar words and use them in everyday speaking and writing.

**Mathematics**

+ Understand connections between proportional relationships, lines, and linear equations. (Proportional relationships are relationships between two equal ratios. For example, if oranges are sold in a bag of 5 for $2 the ratio of oranges to their cost is 5:2 or 5/2.)
+ Understand and apply the Pythagorean Theorem ($a^2 + b^2 = c^2$).
+ Use linear equations and systems of linear equations to represent, analyze, and solve a variety of problems.
+ Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving volume of cylinders, cones, and spheres.

**Fun activities to do at home**

Practice measuring the perimeter of common household items like picture frames and practice estimating the area of various rooms in your home.

Ask your student to search the newspaper (either hard copy or online version) and find examples of articles that are fact-based (news article) and those that are opinion-based (editorial). Ask your child to analyze the language to determine the difference between the two texts.

Have your child write out the lyrics to his favorite song. Ask him to look up the definition of any unfamiliar words and encourage him to incorporate the new words into his vocabulary.

Start talking to your student about his career aspirations and ask him what he thinks he will need to do to achieve his goals. Encourage your child to visit CreateYourNext.org, an interactive college and career planning tool to help him plan for additional education or training after high school.

*Note: Every child develops at his/her own pace. These expectations are based on Arizona’s current academic standards that students should master by the end of each school year.*

If you have specific questions about the grade-level standards, please contact your child’s teacher.
Facts about the UA Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences

1. Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences is part of the School of Mind, Brain and Behavior in the College of Science.

2. Our clinical programs achieve top rankings by *US News and World Report*.
   - Speech-Language Pathology is ranked #5 in the US.
   - Audiology is ranked #12 in the US.

3. Our department includes 37 research, teaching, and clinical faculty, and 20 research professionals and support staff.

4. We have 360 undergraduate students and 106 graduate students, and confer approximately 100 Bachelor of Science, 25 Master of Science, 10 Doctor of Audiology, and 2 Doctor of Philosophy degrees each year.

5. 100% of our graduate students in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology achieve employment within three months of graduation.

6. Our on-campus Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinics provide service to over 3,000 Tucsonans every year; another 2,000 individuals are served at off-campus sites each year.

7. Our researchers address the basic and applied science questions in our field, supported by a research portfolio of over $12 million from the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, and other sources.

8. Our research faculty are national and international leaders, with a history of 13 Fellows of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, 1 Fellow of the Acoustical Society of America, and 9 Emeritus Faculty receiving the highest Honors of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

9. Research faculty members are internationally recognized leaders in:
   - Language Comprehension and Production – Alt, Beeson, Plante, Wilson
   - The Neurobiology of Language – Plante, Beeson, Wilson
   - Developmental Language Disorders – Alt, Plante
   - Aphasia Research – Beeson, Wilson
   - Auditory Cognitive Neuroscience – Lotto
   - Speech Sound Production and Acoustics – Story, Bunton, Hoit
   - Speech Sound Development and Disorders – Bunton, Hoit, Darling-White, Fabiano-Smith
   - Bilingual Speech and Language Development – Fabiano-Smith
   - Auditory Processing Disorders – Musiek
   - Electrophysiological Measures of Hearing in Infants – Cone
   - Hearing Aid Research – Dai, Marrone
   - Auditory Rehabilitation – Marrone
Services
- Courses and workshops that provide students with tools and techniques for success in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) related majors
- Exposure to research
- Career exploration
- Belonging to a community of faculty, student peers, and professional staff
- Provide assistance with tools and skills to prepare for graduate school in STEM
- One on one support from faculty, peer advisors, and ASEM’s staff
- Funding opportunities for graduate school
- ASEM campus activities, volunteering, and various events
- Assist with financial aid and scholarships
- Individual and small group academic assistance with various STEM content areas

"Our Mission" is to assist students who are first in their family to receive a bachelor’s degree to be successful in order to graduate. The program is tailored to fit your individual needs.

The ASEM STEM Student Support Services Program is 100% funded through the a grant from the U.S. Department of Education under the Higher Education Act of 1965 in the amount of $220,000 to serve 120 participants annually.
Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship

These classes provide opportunities for you to learn about U.S. government and US history and improve your English. Classes are offered in several locations around Tucson.

These FREE classes are offered year-round:

**Adult Education Learning Centers**

- **El Rio Learning Center**
  1390 W. Speedway Boulevard
  Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 pm
  Friday, 8:30-10:00 am

- **El Pueblo/Liberty Learning Center**
  101 W. Irvington Road, Building 7
  Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 pm
  Friday, 8:30-10:00 am

- **PCC 29th Street Coalition Center**
  4355 E. Calle Aurora
  Thursday, 7:00-8:30 pm
  Friday, 10:00-11:30 am

**Other Locations**

- **Eckstrom-Columbus Library**
  4350 E. 22nd Street
  Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 pm

- **Martha Cooper Library**
  1377 N. Catalina Avenue
  Thursday, 6:00-7:30 pm

- **Mission Library**
  3770 S. Mission Road
  Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 pm

- **Nanini Library**
  7300 N. Shannon Road
  Thursday, 6:00-7:30 pm

- **Sam Lena Library**
  1607 S. Sixth Avenue
  Thursday, 6:00-7:30 pm (Spanish only)

- **Valencia Library**
  202 W. Valencia Road
  Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 pm

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**Requirements for U.S. Citizenship:**

USCIS form N-400; fee $675, 5 years Legal Permanent Residency (3 years if married to US Citizen), Basic English skills (understand, speak, read & write English) and Knowledge of US Government & History. I-912 fee waiver form (economic hardship) also available.

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Call today for more registration information!

**PimaCommunityCollege**

(520) 206-4500
www.pima.edu
Pima Community College

How to Get to COLLEGE

YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!

A college degree can help you reach your dreams of being a teacher, astronaut, doctor, nurse, athlete, scientist or whatever you want to be. Plan early and follow the steps in each grade level.

WHAT CLASSES DO I NEED TO TAKE? (Ninth through 12th Grades)

The Arizona state university system requires the following college preparatory pattern of classes for admission. Some area high schools, such as Saipointe Catholic and Empire, have additional requirements.

Subject Requirements Minimum Standards

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<td>4 credits – Algebra I, Algebra II, Geometry and 1 more Math credit</td>
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<td>1 credit – Biology by end of sophomore year (Class of 2015)</td>
<td>3 years, including Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Chemistry, Earth Science</td>
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<td>Social Studies</td>
<td>3 credits – American Government, American History and Economics (Class of 2015)</td>
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Transferring from Pima

If you're planning to transfer to a four-year college or university, the work you complete at Pima Community College will put you well on your way to earning your bachelor's degree. Check here.

PCC's transfer partnerships: The credits you earn at Pima are accepted by your target college or university.

Arizona General Education Curriculum (AGEC) and Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) degrees are recognized by Arizona universities and colleges.

The AS and AA (Arts and Sciences) degrees are designed to prepare students for transfer to four-year institutions.

Degrees for students pursuing an AGEC, the College strongly recommends they also complete the Associate of Arts, Associate of Fine Arts, Associate of Business Administration or Associate of Science degrees before transferring.

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Are you a FRESHMAN interested in College?

Why go to college?

- **More Money** – Average 4-year bachelor’s degree holder earns nearly $1 million more in their lifetime than a high school diploma holder
- **Stable Jobs** – College degree = 3.2% unemployed
  - High school degree only = 6.5% unemployed
- **Skills & Experience** – Confidence, exposure to new people/cultures, limitless opportunities and social/professional connections

Can’t afford college? Think again!

- **Federal Aid**
  - $24 billion of FREE money offered for need-based grants in 2014
  - $100 billion of low-interest government loans in 2014
- **Private Aid** – College scholarships and private donors

**START NOW to ENSURE FUTURE ADMISSION**

- **GPA** – aim for at least 3.0 *unweighted*
- Complete the Sweet 16 (classes needed for college enrollment)
  - 4 years of English Composition or Literature
  - 4 years of Math - Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-calculus
  - 3 years of Laboratory Science - Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science, integrated lab science etc.
  - 2 years of Social Science
    - American History (required)
    - World history, Economics, sociology, government, etc.
  - 2 years of a 2nd Language – must be same language both years
  - 1 year of Fine Arts
- **Plan to take the SAT or ACT exam (Junior year)**
- **Community Leadership/Involvement** – Sports, clubs, church, volunteering etc.
- **Forge strong relationships** – Teachers, Counselors, Community Leaders

**DO NOT DO IT ALONE!** – Frequently visit your COLLEGE ADVISER!!!

Get help with:

- Any questions/concerns about college
- Choosing your class schedule
- Exploring your interests/career path
- Finding tutoring
- College/career guidance
- Much more
Why Choose GCU’s Hospitality Management Program?

Business Focus
The hospitality management program is designed to be accredited by Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACSB), a business-based, teaching-focused accreditation. This focus allows students the opportunity to gain a foundation in business, giving them diverse skills that may translate across other industries. Many other universities have hospitality accreditations that are less focused on business courses.

Hands-on Learning Opportunities
Our program was created with input from industry professionals who know what top employers in the field are looking for. Students learn in the classroom or at GCU's businesses that will be opening in fall 2015: a hotel, a restaurant, a conference center and a golf course.

Industry Experts
More than 350 full-time and part-time faculty in the Colangelo College of Business were specifically chosen for their ability to communicate and facilitate students' education. Brett Goff, the hotel and restaurants general manager at GCU's businesses, will also serve as faculty in the Colangelo College of Business. Goff's background includes working his way up the manager training program with Ritz Carlton properties and as director of food and beverage at the Four Seasons Resort in Scottsdale.

LEARN MORE AT:
gcu.edu/hospitality
855-428-5944
campusadmissions@gcu.edu

BECOME A HOSPITALITY PROFESSIONAL
Hospitality is a thriving industry across the country, particularly in Arizona and the Southwest. Hospitality professionals contribute to the overall success of an establishment, typically a hotel or restaurant, by overseeing day-to-day operations and providing excellent customer service. Grand Canyon University's Bachelor of Science in Hospitality Management helps prepare students to compete for management positions in the hospitality industry.

Key areas of study include:
- Accounting
- Event planning
- Facilities management
- Finance
- Food and beverage management
- Hotel and restaurant management
- Human resources in hospitality
- Marketing
- Operations
- Revenue generation

Potential jobs:
- Event planning
- Food service manager
- Hotel and lodging manager
- Resort manager

As part of their graduation requirements, students are required to accumulate 600 hours of paid or unpaid experience in the hospitality industry during their time in the program to meet graduation requirements.
Online Educational and Language Resources

HOMEWORK, SKILLS & TESTS (www.library.pima.gov)

➤ Achieve3000
Web-based software that can be used to assess a student’s lexile level and track their progress as they increase their reading and comprehension skills. Once an account is created the program automatically adjusts the non-fiction articles in its database to the student’s level.
*Visit a ReadStrong tutor at a participating branch to be assigned an account.

➤ Brainfuse Online Tutoring
Live online help from tutors, online flash card creating and sharing, and the ability to collaborate and study online with friends. Online practice tests are also available for SAT, ACT, GED, U.S. Citizenship and many school and college subjects.

➤ LearningExpress Library
E-books, self-paced courses, and tests for school and college subjects, SAT, ACT, GED, TOEFL, skills building, U.S. Citizenship, job searching, career preparation and certification information.

➤ Skills Tutor
Web-based academic skills building curriculum covering K-12 school subjects as well as GED preparation. Pre- and post-tests can be utilized to track academic progress.
*See a library staff member to be assigned an account.

LANGUAGE LEARNING

➤ Pronunciator
A fast and fun conversation-based program with 45 different languages to learn including: English for non-native speakers, religious and scholarly languages. Courses also include cultural insights so students can learn customs and etiquette along the way.

➤ U.S.A. Learns
http://www.usalearns.org
A free website for learning English from the U.S. Department of Education that includes help with reading, writing, speaking, and life skills. Designed to allow learners with low-literacy skills to use the tool independently, but can also be used with a teacher or tutor.
Pima County Public Library Resources for Students and Educators:

Learning Express Library (LEL):

Available through PCPL Website (www.library.pima.gov) library card number required or Arizona State Library Website (www.azlibrary.gov) Arizona zip code required.

This resource includes tutorials with downloadable materials, timed practice exams, and helpful test taking tips for the GED Exam (available in English and Spanish). LEL also has a tutorial and practice exams for the HiSET (English only). Often times, individuals working towards their GED struggle with math, language, and computer skills. LEL has an adult learning center that includes topics like: Build Your Math Skills, Become a Better Reader, Improve Your Writing, Speaking, and Grammar and a Computer Skills Center with tutorials for some of the most popular software.

Learning Express Library also includes “Recursos Para Hispanohablantes,” where individuals can build their reading, writing, and math skills, as well as practice for the GED and Citizenship exams all in their native tongue!

LEL helps individuals to further their career paths with a robust complement of College and Career Readiness tools. School Center focuses on K-12 skill-building and improvement in math and language arts, College Preparation Center focuses on 9-11 grade AP, PSAT, ACT, and SAT Exams, College Center focuses on post-secondary education skill-building including practice exams for undergraduate (Accuplacer, Asset, Compass) and graduate college entrance (GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MAT, PCAT), and the Career Center has practice exams and materials for various occupations including the military, nursing, teaching, CDL, and more.

Brainfuse HelpNow:

Available through PCPL Website (www.library.pima.gov) library card number required.

Brainfuse provides great resources for students from 4th grade and above. This resource has live tutors, skill building activities, a writing lab, customized study plans, flash cards, games, career exploration, and virtual spaces for collaborative work for students of all ages. Two great things to point out: 1. The Adult Learner component has live tutors to provide assistance for HSE Prep, Citizenship Prep, Computer skills and more (Every day from 2pm-11pm) and the Writing Lab allows individuals to submit a resume for review and reformatting (if needed) by a professional job coach (24-48 hr. turnaround). This is a tool to help prepare students for the rigors of standardized tests including the PSAT, SAT, and ACT.

Brainfuse provides for assistance in Spanish, particularly from the live tutors. This is helpful for parents who do not speak English, but want to help their students with their homework.

Skills Tutor:

Available through PCPL Staff or Community Organization Staff-in person interaction required.

Skills Tutor provides a web-based platform for classroom style instruction of math and reading skills. Instructors have access to class rosters, student progress, and testing information. The content is aligned with national standards for math and reading. This is a great resource for individuals who required a more structured environment for learning. This program tends to be used for adults or students in middle to high school.
Testing & Education Reference Center: Available through PCPL Website (www.library.pima.gov) library card number required or Arizona State Library Website (www.azlibrary.gov) Arizona zip code required.

Gale Cengage Learning provides individuals with a start-to-finish resources with all the information and support materials needed to make informed, confident decisions to shape your life. This resource includes over 300 practice tests and courses, dozens of ebooks and study materials, information about more than 4,000 schools, scholarships, resume builder, and career module that help you cover subjects from career change to salary negotiation.

Testing & Education Reference Center has sections for High School, College Prep, Career, Grad School, and International tools. Each section includes official practice exams (PSAT, SAT, ACT, AP and more) and study materials for accurate and productive student learning.

Achieve3000:

Available through PCPL Staff-in person interaction required.

Achieve3000 is a differential learning software that helps you improve your reading, writing, math, and critical thinking skills. The tools and instruction align with the Arizona College and Career Readiness Standards, basing learning on the student’s Lexile reading level. Each lesson is specifically designed to help the student move forward or “stretch” to the next goal.

Achieve3000 is used in conjunction with the ReadStrong Program. Tutors use whole-language learning methods to increase the effectiveness of the program and improve the overall reading scores of participating students.

Other Databases and Resources: Most resources require the use of a library card and pin number. Some resources have statewide access that only requires an Arizona zip code. Please visit: http://www.library.pima.gov/resource/ for a complete list of resources and descriptions.

Academic OneFile-Journals Library
Biography in Context-Biographies in Depth
Britannica for Kids & Teens
Britannica Library
Career Transitions-Online Job Help and Preparation
Chilton Library Auto Repair & Maintenance
CultureGrams-Countries & Culture
Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History
Encyclopedia of American Religions
Encyclopedia of Food and Culture
General OneFile-Newspaper and Magazine Articles
Global Issues in Context

Kids Infobits
Literature Resource Center-Writer & Author Biographies
MasterFile Complete-Magazines, Journals, and Photos
National Geographic for Kids
Opposing Viewpoints-Current Events
Science Buddies-Hands-on Science Experiments
Science in Context-Science News & Entertainment
Student Resources in Context-Middle & High School Research Center
Tumble Books Read-Along Stories for Kids
US History in Context
World History in Context
Welcome to Pima County Public Library!

Now that you have your library card, we want you to enjoy using it. Here's what you need to know:

Bring your card with you when visiting the Library.
You'll use your Personal Identification Number (PIN) to check out and renew materials, log in to use a computer, check your library account online, and use our online services and digital downloads.

You can borrow 25 items, which includes up to 10 DVDs, at one time.
Check out materials for 21 days, and renew them online anytime at www.library.pima.gov or by calling 791-4010 during library hours.
Express books can't be renewed, but all other materials can be renewed up to four times unless other people are waiting to check them out. Checkout periods and renewals for eBooks and audiobooks vary.

We can borrow library books from other systems for you.
If we don't own something, just ask. We will try to find it for you at another library.

Report lost or stolen library cards immediately.
Call 791-4010 or go to any of our libraries.

Use our mobile apps.
Search the catalog, renew and reserve items, and check out and download your own materials with your own digital device.

Return materials within three days of the due date, and you won't be charged overdue fines.
You can return your materials to any Pima County Public Library branch. There are no overdue fines for children's and teens' materials.

Free Services and Resources
• Ask any question in person, by email at asklibrarian@pima.gov, or by phone at 791-4010.
• Download eBooks, audiobooks, music, and magazines.
• Use our computers and WiFi.
• Get assistance with résumé writing, searching for a job, and interviewing tips through Job Help.
• Use our online resources for research, information, studying, and learning.
• Learn basic computer skills.
• Get Homework Help for all ages, online and in person.
• Take the first step in starting your own small business in our Business Info Center.
• Explore the calendar of events and classes for kids, teens, and adults.
• Book a meeting room for your club or organization.
• Check out seeds to plant.

FINES AND FEES

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Fines or fees can be paid by check or cash at any library. If you owe more than $50.00, your account will be sent to Collections. If you owe more than $5.00, you will no longer be able to check out materials.
GED/HSE PREP AND TUTORING

FREE GED/HSE PREPARATION & TUTORING
NO NEED TO REGISTER – JUST DROP IN
Led by paid Pima County Public Library tutors with Adult Education Certification.
www.library.pima.gov Infoline: 520-791-4010

Fall 2015  September-December

Eckstrom-Columbus Library
4350 E. 22nd Street
520.594.5285

Valencia Library
202 W. Valencia Road
520.594.5390

Martha Cooper Library
1377 N. Catalina Avenue
520.594.5315

Sam Lena-South Tucson Library
1607 S. 6th Avenue
520.594.5265

Some GED/HSE assistance is also available at the following libraries:
El Pueblo, Main, Quincie Douglas, Salazar-Ajo, Santa Rosa, Nanini and Woods Memorial.
Please call Infoline at 520.791.4010 for more information.

- Taught in English.
- No classes on Pima County Holidays: September 7, November 21, November 26-27, December 25
- Child care is not available in the library. Parents must make their own child care arrangements for children under age 8.
- Visit www.library.pima.gov for details.
- Spring 2016 GED/HSE Tutoring starts in January.
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Free Online Tutoring & More for Patrons of All Ages

Live Homework Help
Interact with live tutors in a wide range of state- and common core-aligned subjects, including math, science, reading, and writing.

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Live skills tutoring and an extensive library of lessons, video tutorials and practice tests, including SAT, ACT, GED, GRE, HiSET, TASC, TOEFL, ASVAB, COMPASS/ACCUPLACER, and more.

Writing Lab
We help users become better writers through expert analysis of their papers, complete with constructive comments.

LEAP Learning Platform
Master basic academic skills through diagnostic tests, customized study plans, lessons, video tutorials, and live tutoring.

Welcome to Leap
Welcome to Leap! Brainfuse's free online service helps students succeed at school and in life. We partner with libraries and schools to provide students with access to a wide range of educational resources. Leap offers a comprehensive set of tools that help students improve their skills in a variety of areas. Brainfuse can also be a powerful tool for teachers to help their students succeed.

Funding Sources

Welcome Lifelong Learner!
Adult Learning Center™

Designed for adult learners, our Adult Learning Center offers test preparation (including High School Equivalency and the US Citizenship Test), an expert writing lab, study tools, and a unique academic skills center featuring live, online tutors.

Get Help Today!

Go to http://www.library.pima.gov/resources/homework/ and click on Brainfuse Online Tutoring to start.

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FREE READSTRONG PROGRAM

LEVEL UP YOUR READING!
FOR ALL AGES

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Fall 2015
ReadStrong will help you improve your reading abilities while having fun. You’ll be motivated by our tutors who will build your confidence in a relaxed setting. ReadStrong provides access to Achieve 3000, a strength-based reading software program. Tutors will be available at the following branches:

Eckstrom-Columbus Library
4350 E. 22nd Street
520.594.5285

Joel D. Valdez Main Library
2nd Floor
101 N. Stone Ave.
520.594.5500

Martha Cooper Library
1377 N. Catalina Avenue
520.594.5315

Quincie Douglas Library
1585 E. 36th Street
520.594-5335

August – December

Santa Rosa Library
1075 S. 10th Avenue
520.594.5260

Valencia Library
202 W. Valencia Road
520.594.5390

Wheeler Taft Abbett, Sr. Library
7800 N. Schisler Drive
520.594.5200
*Starts in September

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University of Phoenix
NEWSONE

Present our state of Black education data report, national guest speakers and viewing of documentary screening

SAVING TOMORROW, TODAY
THE CURRICULUM OF NEW AMERICA

We would be honored if you would JOIN US for a DISCUSSION led by influential educators and activists around SOLUTIONS in EDUCATION that INVIGORATE & EMPOWER

Dr. Charles H.E. Davis III, Director of Higher Education Research and Initiatives at the University of Pennsylvania Center for the Study of Race & Equity in Education, is a University of Arizona graduate

Dr. Chris Edina, Associate Professor in the Department of Mathematics, Science and Technology at Teachers College, Columbia University, author of award-winning book, For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood and the Rest of Y’all Too

Representative Reginald Hodding, Arizona House of Representatives, District 21

Bryan Jones, Chief Financial Officer at University of Phoenix

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016, 8:00AM - 10:00AM
South Mountain High School
Auditorium
5401 S. 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85040

STREAM LINK
http://ow.ly/10ylzT

RSVP to http://savethestateofdocumentaryphoenix.eventbrite.com
The State of Black Arizona would like to share the index of state-level K-12 education highlighting the black-white and Hispanic-white achievement gaps.

We will present ideas and ways to be instrumental in addressing the gaps, trends and issues for our community.

Friday, March 18, 2016
7:30am - 9:30am

Cholla High Magnet School
2001 W Starr Pass Blvd
Tucson, AZ 85713

RSVP by Tuesday, March 15, 2016 stateofblackaz@gmail.com or 602-889-4675
How to Help Your Child Prepare for College and Career

THIS GUIDE SHOWS YOU

- Why your child needs to prepare for college and a career
- How to tell if your child’s school has college-ready academic standards
- The special hurdles facing African-American students
- How to be an effective advocate for your child
The adolescent years often bring stormy weather for teens and parents alike. When you’re arguing over grades, dates, chores, or simple respect, it’s easy to lose sight of long-term goals that could secure your child’s future. But now’s the time to plan for success.

Just as President Obama has set a goal of returning America to world leadership in college attendance, you and your family need to focus squarely on the road to opportunity for your child: a rigorous high school academic program that leads not just to college admission but to college success as well.

Because equality for our kids remains a work in progress, African-American parents must be prepared to stand up for their child’s right to a good education. And that means helping them get the classes they need now for success beyond high school.
HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR COLLEGE AND A CAREER

Consider this: In 1950, 60 percent of jobs were filled by unskilled workers, but by 2005, just 14 percent of jobs fell into this category. Today, even fewer jobs exist for people without education beyond high school. What’s more, many entry-level jobs that don’t require a college degree require the same skills all colleges require—an ability to speak and write clearly—and many occupations that may not require a bachelor’s degree nevertheless demand high-level math and science skills.

For example, plumbers and construction workers nowadays need four or five years of apprenticeship or training. They need to be able to understand complex technical manuals and solve problems that often involve applying skills in mathematics, physics, or statistics.

College graduates have access to many more jobs and are less likely to be unemployed than those with a high school diploma. Young people with college degrees are more likely to get a job with such benefits as health insurance, a retirement fund, paid vacations, and disability insurance. And according to the latest Census Bureau data, college grads on average earn far more annually as well:

- College diploma: $56,788
- High school diploma: $31,071
- No high school diploma: $20,873

Over a lifetime, the difference in salary between a high school graduate and a college graduate amounts to nearly $1 million. So it just makes good sense to help your child prepare now for college and a career.

IS YOUR CHILD’S SCHOOL FOCUSED ON SUCCESS BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL?

Today, many schools have exactly the right goal: educating all students for college and a career. These schools have high expectations. They hire the best teachers they can find. They’ve developed rigorous curricula and offer demanding courses. And teachers give students challenging assignments. No one makes excuses for low achievement; instead, principals and teachers work hard to give each student what he or she needs to succeed.

On the other hand, some schools talk a good game but are not really providing the best possible education. These schools give fancy names to simple courses that don’t prepare kids for college. They rate all their teachers “high quality,” not just the very best ones. And they allow students to take a hodgepodge of classes, not a well-planned sequence of courses that colleges expect students to master.

No matter where you live,
you need to know the courses that can help your child get into college—and meet academic expectations once they enroll. Some states require all students to take college-prep courses to graduate, but many have mismatching requirements for high school graduation and college admission.

Remember, research clearly shows that the best predictor of college success is a rigorous high school program of study. So as you help your child explore options for college, you might find the college's catalogue or Web site lists courses like this:

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<th>Content Area</th>
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<td>English (4)</td>
<td>Four years of English</td>
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<td>Math (4)</td>
<td>Algebra 1, Geometry, Algebra 2, and high-level math in 12th grade</td>
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<td>Science (3)</td>
<td>At least three years with labs (typical courses include Biology, Chemistry, Physics)</td>
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<td>Social Studies (3)</td>
<td>Typical courses include World History, American History, Civics, Economics</td>
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<td>World Language (2)</td>
<td>At least two years of a second language in sequence (i.e., Spanish 1, Spanish 2)</td>
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Speak with your child's principal and teachers to find out whether the school really offers a college and career-ready curriculum. And make sure your child enrolls in the required classes and makes steady progress in earning the right credits needed to get into college—and succeed once there.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN STUDENTS FACE SOME TOUGH CHALLENGES

Given lingering racism in this country, you won’t be surprised to learn this: African-American students are much less likely than white students to have the most qualified teachers—the ones with the most experience and greatest expertise in the subject matter.

And many African-American students go to schools that do not even offer some of the high-level courses necessary for admission to the best colleges. This is a terrible injustice. The tragic consequence is that African-American graduates are nearly half as likely to finish high school with a rigorous academic diploma as white students.

The best schools encourage all students to aspire to the most challenging courses. Then they provide plenty of academic support for those struggling with assignments, and they don't lower standards. This support includes concentrated help on specific skill sets during the school day and extended-day options.

HOW YOU CAN BE AN EFFECTIVE ADVOCATE FOR YOUR CHILD

Until every school gives all students an education that prepares them for college and a career, African-American parents will have to fight for their children's future, class by class, teacher by teacher, and school by school. Your child deserves nothing less.

A strong high school education is a legacy that lasts, a gift that can propel your child on a journey of independence. When equipped with the learning today's world demands, our young people can begin to truly live their dreams.