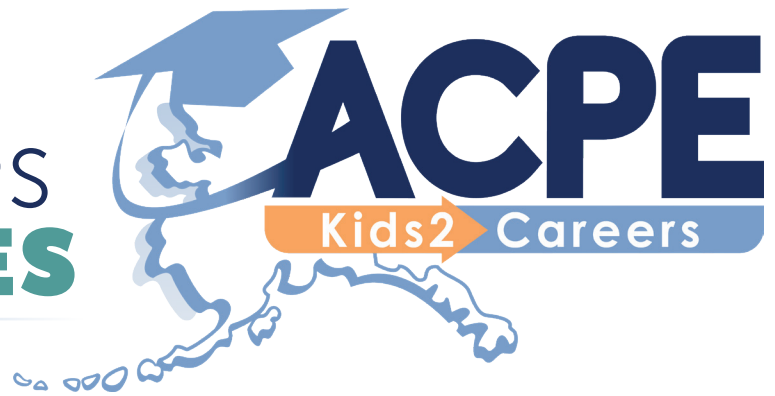


KIDS2CAREERS: GUIDING STEPS FOR FAMILIES



FAMILIES ARE
ENCOURAGED TO
TAKE THE FOLLOWING
**GRADE LEVEL
SUCCESS STEPS:**

Pre-K to 4th Grade

- ☐ Consider saving for the costs of education after high school using an [Alaska 529 Plan \(alaska529plan.com\)](https://alaska529plan.com)
- ☐ Spend time checking your student's homework each night
- ☐ Spend time getting to know your student's teachers and principal
- ☐ Read with your child each day; encourage them to read to you
- ☐ Review [Elementary/Middle School Student Success Steps](#) with your student

5th & 6th Grade

- ☐ Engage with your student about what they are learning
- ☐ Encourage your student to pursue after-school & extracurricular activities
- ☐ Seek out tutoring options if your student is having difficulty in math or reading
- ☐ Continue saving for the costs of education after high school using an [Alaska 529 Plan \(alaska529plan.com\)](https://alaska529plan.com)
- ☐ Review [Elementary/Middle School Student Success Steps](#) with your student

7th & 8th Grade

- ☐ Talk with your student about what they are learning
- ☐ Encourage your student to pursue after-school & extracurricular activities
- ☐ Seek out tutoring options if your student is having difficulty academically
- ☐ Continue saving for education after high school using an [Alaska 529 Plan \(alaska529plan.com\)](https://alaska529plan.com)
- ☐ Encourage your student to participate in school clubs and/or sports
- ☐ Seek out spring break and summer career exploration activities
- ☐ Review [Elementary/Middle School Student Success Steps](#) with your student

9th & 10th Grade

- ☐ Consider enrolling your student in the [PSAT 8-9](#) & [PSAT10](#) to provide a practice test opportunity
- ☐ Talk with your student about their interests, favorite subjects, areas where they need assistance
- ☐ Encourage your student to pursue after-school & extracurricular activities
- ☐ Seek out tutoring options if your student is having difficulty academically
- ☐ Encourage your student to participate in school clubs, sports, and leadership activities
- ☐ Continue saving for education after high school using an [Alaska 529 Plan \(alaska529plan.com\)](https://alaska529plan.com)
- ☐ Encourage part-time employment and career exploration programs/job shadowing
- ☐ Review [Freshman/Sophomore Student Success Steps](#) with your student



Continued: GUIDING STEPS FOR FAMILIES



11th Grade

- ☐ Help your student enroll in the October [PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test \(NMSQT\)](#)
- ☐ Contact the [ACPE Success Center](#) ([acpe.alaska.gov](#)) to explore options (college, vocational, apprenticeship, certifications)
- ☐ Talk with your student about their interests, favorite subjects, and future interests
- ☐ Encourage your student to pursue after-school & extracurricular activities
- ☐ Seek out tutoring options if your student is having difficulty academically
- ☐ Encourage your student to participate in school clubs, sports, and leadership activities
- ☐ Continue saving for education after high school using an [Alaska 529 Plan](#) ([alaska529plan.com](#))
- ☐ Encourage part-time employment and career exploration programs/job shadowing
- ☐ Help your student sign up to take the [SAT](#) /[ACT](#) the summer before Senior Year; encourage a study plan
- ☐ Discuss education costs; help your student narrow education choices using ACPE [Planning Templates](#)
- ☐ Review [Junior Success Steps](#) with your student and help them set goals/deadlines

12th Grade

- ☐ Help your student review, narrow down, and finalize educational programs; including fit and finances
- ☐ Remind your student of deadlines for programs of interest; ask them to share their digital calendar
- ☐ Offer to help your student find answers to questions; Your support in the process is helpful and inspiring
- ☐ Request your [FSA ID](#) & gather tax documents from 2 years prior; Remind your student to do the same
- ☐ Complete the family portion of the [FAFSA](#) ([studentaid.gov](#)) in December.; [CSS Profiler](#) if required for private institutions
- ☐ Ensure all deadlines are met for payments and any other required items
- ☐ Review with your student, [Federal](#) and [low cost state loan options from ACPE](#) for students and families
- ☐ Help your student request available [Alaska 529](#) ([alaska529plan.com](#)) distributions 2-3 weeks before payment deadlines
- ☐ Discuss with your student whether any forms should be signed allowing your assistance with financial, medical or academic matters; Permission is required to receive information once your student is 18
- ☐ Ensure you have a good mailing address for your student when they move away from home
- ☐ Review: [Senior Checklist](#), [College Prep Overview](#), & [Planning Templates](#); help them set goals/deadlines