Kids2College

FREE digital & print resources for early college & career exploration

5th-8th grade Early College & Career Exploration curriculum for distance or in-person learning.

Students identify career interests; build personal learning and career plans; learn how to best prepare for college and career training; and learn about college entrance exams, admissions, and financial aid.

- Six-lesson college and career prep curriculum available in print and digital options 1 hour each (broken into 10-20 min. activities)
- Easy-to-follow Teacher’s Guide walks through activities and timelines
- Google Slide presentations ready to use in virtual & in-person classrooms
- College & career panels: volunteers share college & career experiences (virtual, video, in-person)
- Explore college campuses and vocational schools: virtual tours, campus events (virtual & in-person)
- Students research & present on chosen career; Flipgrid options available for distance learners

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**Student Resources**
- Digital Workbook
- College/Career Panels
- Virtual Campus Tours
- HS Grad Requirements

**Teacher Resources**
- Digital Teacher’s Guide
- e-Learning Letter Template
- Google Slide Presentations
- Flipgrid/ PearDeck Integration

**Parent Resources**
- Family Info Sheets
- Parent Survey
- Scholarship Contest

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Creating a College-Going Culture in 12-14 year olds

The Institute for Higher Education Policy reports that while nine out of 10 middle school parents expect their child to earn a college degree, nearly half have not started planning for college and nearly two-thirds have not started saving. During the years that follow middle school, social influences can lead promising students off the path to college and career training. Kids2College is proven to increase the expectation of pursuing college and career training, and spur behavior that keeps students on track, particularly among minority and first-generation college students.

Inspiring Students through Career Aspirations

Research indicates that for students in 5th-8th grade, linking careers, future earnings and dreams to higher education is critical to starting them on a path to college and career training. A study commissioned by the Gates Foundation identified the connection between education and career aspirations as the most important drop-out prevention strategy for low-income students after academic enrichment. This is the educational philosophy behind Kids2College.

Curriculum and Program Design

The Sallie Mae Funds' national Kids2College curriculum was built in consultation with the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships and incorporates best practices and research. ACPE has enhanced the Sallie Mae curriculum for Alaska’s students by incorporating Alaska graduation requirements, college preparatory curriculum recommendations, information on the Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS), as well as information on state-specific resources such as the Alaska Career Information System (AKCIS). College & Career Panelists give students a better understanding of the varied pathways available and ways to prepare in coming years for postsecondary and career success.

Kids2College partners in Alaska:

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