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Tracking Your Progress

1. Stay in School

- Do you know the core classes and requirements for TOPS and graduation?
- Have you studied hard and put forth your best effort in each class?
- Are you keeping track of the tests you need to take to graduate and apply for college?
- Have you participated in extra-curricular activities and other clubs while in school?
- Are you identifying what you are especially good at and what jobs relate to your strengths?
- Do you know how much education you will need to work in your chosen career field?

2. College Savings Plans (START)

- Have you researched the START Saving Program?
- Do you have a START Account?
- Have you set goals for how much you will save?
- Have you started to learn about managing your money?

3. State Grants and Scholarships

- Have you researched State Scholarships and Grants?
- Do you know what eligibility criteria you have to meet?
- Have you started a scholarship search to see what you might qualify for?
- Have you researched special programs you can join that prepare students for college success?
- Do you know the difference between scholarships, grants, and loans?

4. Federal Aid

- Have you researched federal aid resources?
- Have you looked at the FAFSA4caster.ed.gov to get an idea of what you might qualify for?
- Have you checked out federal aid sites to begin to understand the application process?

5. Student Loans

- Do you know about the different types of federal loans available?
- Do you know the difference between federal loans and private loans?
- Do you know about the differences between interest rates, borrowing limits, and repayment schedules among lending programs?

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Birthdate _____

College Attendance Date _____

College of Interest _____

In State: Tuition per semester _____

Out of State: Tuition per semester _____

Why are you interested in this College?

EXPLORE score: _____

PLAN score: _____

ACT or **SAT** score: _____

Overall G.P.A _____

Career interests _____

Scholarship opportunities _____

Grant opportunities _____

How am I going?