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Parent Checklist

Use this guide along with the “Middle School Student Checklist” to help prepare your student for high school and beyond!

- Start the conversation. Now is the time to let your student know that their dreams can absolutely become a possibility. Planning and working hard now is the key.
- Explore conversations that tie their extracurricular activities to a career path.
- Help your student set specific goals for each school year and encourage study habits that complement your child's goals. Set aside time to review your student’s work when possible.
- Strive to miss less than 5 days of school each year. Highlighting the importance arriving at school on time and ready to learn encourages participation.
- Determine what high school will meet your student’s needs (public, private, charter, magnet, and collegiate vs. dual enrollment options). Feel free to read the quick guides to Polk Academies and Dual Enrollment. Read our quick guides to learn about the different education options within Polk County.
- Explore potential areas of interest based on what they learned at the Polk Academies W3 Expo and the classes that they currently enjoy.
- Participate in community outreach activities with your student. Read “A Quick Guide to Volunteering” to discovery opportunities within your community.
- Save **SAVE SAVE!** Learn more about your different financial aid options.
- The Parent Portal is a service offered to parents and guardians for accessing certain student records. The service allows parents and guardians to access information about ALL of their students through one convenient website. Track your student’s grades and

encourage them to seek tutoring or additional help when needed. Visit polkschoolsfl.com/parentportal/ for more information.

- Begin mapping out the expectations you have for your child during high school. This conversation should detail G.P.A minimums, extracurricular participation, and monetary limits/budgets.