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 Parents of other middle and high school students can also share information and advice!

“Education is something no one can ever take away from you. It’s yours.”

*~ Teresa Dawes, Parent
Irvine, Kentucky*

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Talking to Schools:
What?
Who?
When?**



**Getting Help
As You Get Your Child
Ready for College**

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Questions	Where to Find Out	When to Ask
<p>Is the work my child is doing in middle school getting him or her ready for high school?</p> <p>Is my child taking the hardest classes he or she can handle?</p>	<p>Teaching Team Leaders, Classroom Teachers, Homeroom Teachers, Coaches & Advisors, School Counselors, School Administrators</p>	<p>This is a great question to ask during parent-teacher conferences.</p> <p><i>TIP: You can also make an appointment to meet with a teacher on a different, more convenient day.</i></p>
<p>In what subjects does my child need extra help?</p> <p>What extra help is available? Does the school offer Extended School Services (ESS) or supplemental services?</p> <p>Are there extra classes in subjects my child is especially interested in? Local colleges may offer classes for middle and high school students on weekends and during the summer.</p> <p>Are extra classes free, or can I get help paying for them?</p>	<p>Teaching Team Leaders, Classroom Teachers, Homeroom Teachers, Coaches & Advisors, School Counselors, School Administrators</p> <p><i>TIP: Ask your child every day to show you graded tests and papers that come home in his or her backpack. Ask about college information the school sends home, too.</i></p>	<p>These are also great parent-teacher conference questions.</p> <p>You can also send a note, call or ask to meet with a teacher or counselor anytime you have a concern about how your child is doing in school.</p> <p><i>TIP: If you're not comfortable about meeting with a teacher or counselor, ask another parent to come along. Write down your questions before you go.</i></p>
<p>What high school will my child attend? Will there be an open house for new 9th graders and parents?</p>	<p>Teaching Team Leaders, Classroom Teachers, Homeroom Teachers, Coaches & Advisors, School Counselors, School Administrators</p> <p>School District Web Site</p>	<p>Beginning of child's 8th grade year</p> <p><i>TIP: Some high schools announce "open house" for new students in the newspaper. You can also call the school.</i></p>
<p>What classes should my child take in high school to get ready for college?</p> <p>Are honors or Advanced Placement ("AP") classes available?</p>	<p>Teaching Team Leaders, Classroom Teachers, Homeroom Teachers, Coaches & Advisors, School Counselors, School Administrators</p> <p>GoHigher Kentucky (www.gohigherky.org)</p>	<p>Fall and winter of 8th grade</p> <p><i>TIP: Even if your child doesn't take honors or AP classes in 9th grade, he or she can add these classes in 10th, 11th or 12th grades. Ask your child's teachers.</i></p>
<p>When should my child sign up to take college entrance practice tests? (Examples are the ACT EXPLORE & PLAN tests, and the practice PSAT.)</p> <p>What should my child do to get ready to take college entrance tests?</p>	<p>Teachers, Counselors</p> <p>College Board (www.collegeboard.com) ACT (www.act.org)</p>	<p>Beginning of 10th grade</p> <p><i>TIP: Your child can look at test practice books at school or at the public library.</i></p>
<p>When should my child sign up to take college entrance tests (ACT and SAT I and II)?</p>	<p>Teachers, Counselors</p> <p>College Board (www.collegeboard.com) ACT (www.act.org)</p>	<p>Spring of 10th grade</p> <p><i>TIP: Students must sign up at least 6 weeks in advance of test dates.</i></p>
<p>How should we plan to pay for college?</p> <p>Will my child be able to get a KEES scholarship?</p> <p>What forms will we have to fill out, and when? What information will we need for the forms?</p>	<p>Teachers, Counselors</p> <p>GoHigher Kentucky (www.gohigherky.org) Kentucky Education Higher Assistance Authority (www.kheaa.org)</p>	<p>The earlier, the better.</p> <p><i>TIP: Start getting information when your child starts high school, or before.</i></p>