

4 Steps To Help Kids Prepare For College

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Your kids going to college is one of the bittersweet moments of any parents'™ life. While you might be more proud than you could ever imagine, you're also worried about how they will cope in the big world all by themselves. Of course, there are things you can do before they go to college that will prepare them, and this includes everything from knowing how to stand out to how to stay sensible.

Know How to Stand Out

You can help your child prepare for college before they even get accepted to any specific school. For many, this could be what gives them the edge over other applicants, and services such as [college consulting](#) will allow them to stand out from the crowd and hit the ground running once they arrive. If you or your partner never went to college, these services can be vital for helping your teen understand what's expected of them and how to make sure they can handle the work (and the freedom) that often trips unprepared college students up.

Learn Some Independence and Responsibility

Going off to college is often a child's™ first taste of freedom, which can go one of two ways. Either they take their freedom for granted, or they understand how to have fun *and* stay on course. Before they pack their life away and move into a campus dorm, you can encourage them to get a summer job to teach them responsibility and earn some money so that they have some financial independence, as well as an idea [of what a career could be](#), for the semester and beyond.

Encourage Them to Socialize

Back in the day, college students showed up at their dorm and introduced themselves to their roommate for the first time. But, this is not the case any longer. Social media will give your teen the chance to chat with other [freshmen](#) starting at the same time. Some colleges will use Facebook or other platforms to put people in touch with one another so they can learn a little about other students, giving them a fledgling network of fellow students (who could become friends) before they even arrive.

Remind Them Youâ€™re Just a Phone Call Away

You might be freaking out about your child heading off to college, and although they are putting on a brave face, they might be equally as terrified. They might get cold feet on the day of the big move, so you must be strong and remind them that youâ€™re just a phone call away. You wonâ€™t be able to solve all of their problems, but you [can offer advice whenever they need you](#), and this can be enough to encourage them to follow through with their college career and feel confident.

Lifeâ€™s Next Step

While not everyone will (or should) go to college, there is a significant portion of the teen population that will, and they will have the time of their lives. But, as it is the first taste of freedom for many, thereâ€™s a risk of struggling to maintain a routine. By helping them prepare for college, you can send them off ready to succeed, and set them up for life, too.

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