

THE ROAD TO COLLEGE

A MENTOR MOM © CLASS

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the Vision *for your child's education*

1 Dream List

If you could teach your child anything, what would you teach? What is important to you? List places you'd like them to see (church sites, state parks, national monuments, world wonders), classics you'd like them to read, and life skills you'd like them to develop (cooking, computer, etiquette, social skills, finances, car repair, etc.). Hold on to this list!

2 20/20 Vision

Family Memeber	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020

3 A Step Up

This chart is an example of what happens in our home when children grow older. The church outlines very specific responsibilities and privileges that come with certain ages. Our children can see and anticipate what the future holds for them.

12 boy	12 girl	13	14	15	16	17 and 18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deacon Duty to God Scout Camp Go to SLC for Priesthood Session Temple Trips Mow Lawns Do your own Laundry Volunteer Save Money for College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beehive Personal Progress Girls Camp Temple Trips Babysit Do your own Laundry Volunteer Save Money for College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temple Trips Scout/Girls Camp Personal Progress Duty to God PG-13 Movies (with parental approval) Volunteer Save Money for College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher/MiaMaid Seminary Church Dances Family Money Class Especially for Youth (EFY) Volunteer Save Money for College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driver's Permit ACT/SAT Prep Seminary Patriarchal Blessing Trip to a Foreign Country Start a Budget EFY Volunteer Save Money for College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Priest/Laurel Group dating Driver's Ed & License ACT/SAT Test Seminary Job Eagle Scout Personal Progress Award Get a Checkbook 1 Community College Class EFY Volunteer Save Money for College 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply to Colleges Internship Apply for Scholarships ACT/SAT Test Seminary Job Get a Debit Card 2-4 Community College Classes Volunteer Save Money for College

4 Personal File Box

To reinforce organization a cute friend of mine buys each child their own file box when they start 9th grade. She has a duplicate file box labeled with the child's name that she keeps in her room. Both fill it with folders and important documents that concern that particular child. When her son signed up to take the SAT test, he printed out two copies of the online receipt—one for her file and one for his. As he created an account on the website to sign up for the test, he wrote the user name and password right on the file folder (everything requires a user name and password these days). Her children learn by doing. They are getting used to the idea of keeping track of important documents—a very grown up skill to have! The kids then take their boxes to college.

Possible files:

- Bank/savings/checking acct/credit card
- Application to/Letters from colleges
- Grades, transcript
- ACT/SAT confirmation & results
- Warrantees for phone, camera, iPod, etc.
- Letters of appreciation/service hours

Plan Out your High School Years

College Prep/Virginia Requirements

Subject	8th	9th	10th	11th	12th	Remarks
Bible/Seminary						4 years suggested
English Grammar Writing Reading Vocabulary						4 years recommended Writing skills highly recommended
Math Algebra Geometry Advanced Math						Algebra I, II & Geometry are required. Advanced math is recommended
Social Studies U.S. History World History World History American Gov. Economics						3 years required US and World required 1 year of government or economics required
Science Biology Chemistry Physics Geology Oceanography or Other						Biology and Chemistry usually required Including labs
Foreign Language						Some colleges require 2 years
Driver's Ed						Recommended for all students
Physical Education						2 years required
**ACT/SAT Tests	PSAT		SAT Prep Class *Spring	*Fall/Spring PSAT	*Fall	
Fine Arts Art Music Drama Dance						1 year usually required
Electives Typing Computer Home Economics						1 year usually required
Standard Virginia diploma is 22 credits.			1 Credit hour = 180 hours or 1 hour a day 4 days week for 9 months or finish the text book.			

Look at the application of the colleges you may want to attend **NOW!**

A Very Small Book List:

The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean Covey

The 6 Most Important Decisions You'll Ever Make :

A Guide for Teens by Sean Covey

101 Things you gotta see before you're 12! by Joanne O'Sullivan

101 Things you gotta do before you're 12! by Joanne O'Sullivan

Gentle Reads by Deanna J. McDaniel

What stories Does My Son Need? by Michael Gurian

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