

5 Your Family High School Plan for: Robert EXAMPLE

| Subject | 9 th | 10 th | 11 th | 12 th | Going to College |
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| Year | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
| Age | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Seminary | New Test. | Bk. of Mormon | D & C | Old Test. | Have a Testimony |
| Cooking | Baking Class | Dinner Class | Cook Weekly | Cook Weekly | Create a Cookbook |
| Finances | Money Class | Budget | Check Book | Debit Card | Credit Card, Be \$ Smart |
| Required Reading: | <i>The Richest Man in Babylon</i> | <i>Rich Dad, Poor Dad</i> | <i>Your Money or Your Life</i> | <i>The Automatic Millionaire</i> | |

Other Life Skills:

First Aid, Car Repair,
Social Skills, Computers

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| Summer | Summer | Summer | Summer |
| Visit Nauvoo | Wash. D.C | Jamestown | Grand Canyon |

Talk about these sections with your kids:

6 Prepare to Go to **Any** College

- Watch this video together as a family:
<http://www.besmart.com/> click on **College Prep**, then click on **Video**

7 College Prep State Requirements

- See Page 3. Fill this out together. It is not set in stone and is destined to change, but it gives you somewhere to start.

8 "Going To College!" Poster

- See Page 4. Hang this on your bedroom wall!

9 EFY and Super Summers

- EFY:** I attended as a youth, I was a counselor, and our kids have gone. Miracles happen at EFY. Lives are changed. This is also a great opportunity for kids to:

1. Be independent in a safe and spiritual environment,
2. Live on a college campus (they can visualize being a college student someday),
3. Be responsible for their time, money, actions while having a concerned counselor and group,
4. Meet other active members from all over,
5. Hear great talks on gospel topics, and
6. They get out what they put into it.

Summers are for developing talents, going places, having life experiences. Do not lounge them away. Going to a camp (sports, band, educational, art, theater, etc.) that helps your child develop a talent not only looks great on college applications, but also sparks interest and excitement.

10 Help your child Catch the Vision!

- Many kids have a hard time seeing themselves as going to college or getting a job, or are afraid that it will be too hard. Talk about the future with your kids, help them set goals, have monthly interviews with them, read missionary letters, and introduce them to kids that are going to college. It's important to give your kids opportunities to learn how to be hard workers.

What to do if You're Not Planning to Go to College:

Not everyone will find satisfaction on the college route. If so, **you**, not your parents, need to start looking at your after-high school options (for example: technical schools, internships, and apprenticeships).

If you choose not to go to school, you are choosing to get a job.

You will want to look at prospective employers for after you graduate.

You will want to look into additional education or training you may need after high school, especially if your career field requires certifications.

If you're thinking of a military career, you need to sit down with your parents and recruiters to learn more about your options.

You'll want to work on your career and job-search skills, such as

- building a network of contacts
- developing a resume
- mastering interviewing skills

Remember that you are competing with people from all backgrounds and all levels of education. So it's better to develop every ounce of experience and potential you have.