

Character

Goal Setting

Choice

Academic Behavior

Success Equation

Challenges

Investing in College

College Concepts

College Commitment

College Acceptance

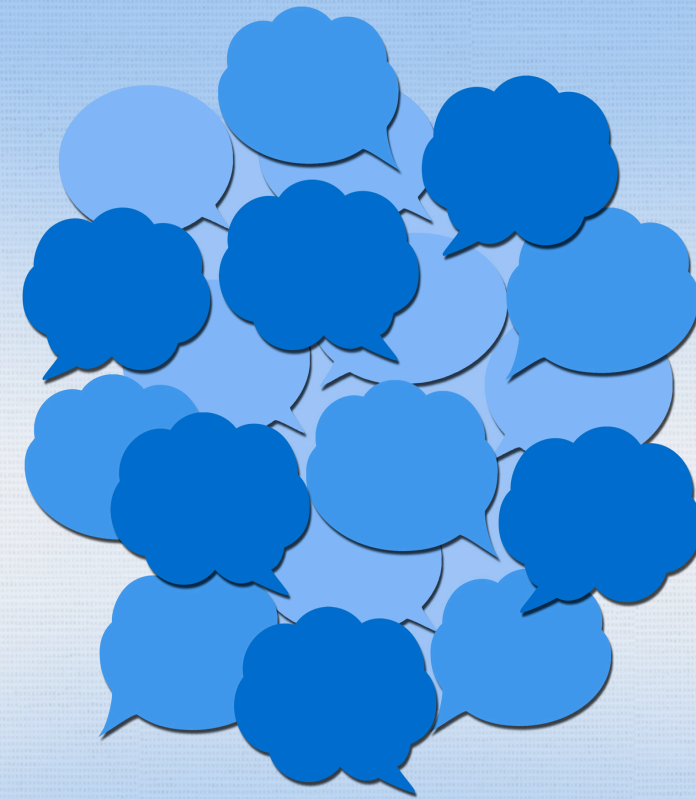


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Schools can be filled with curriculum and content that support students being academically prepared for post-secondary opportunities, but true college readiness requires more than the academic capability to do the work. Successful college readiness means that students understand **what college is, why college is valuable to them, and how to navigate the college application and admission process.**

140 Ways to  
Engage Pre K – 12<sup>th</sup>  
Grade Students for  
College and  
Career Readiness  
Success



COLLEGE  
CONVERSATIONS

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# Teaching COLLEGE READINESS is a SYSTEM

In 30 minutes, once a month, during a student's years in a school district, he or she gains **conceptual awareness**, **tangible experiences**, and **skillful application** of college concepts equaling 70 hours of explicit teaching of college readiness.

## Conceptual Awareness

**Pre K – K:**  
Visualize

**Grades 1 - 3:**  
Internalize

**Grades 4 – 5:**  
Conceptualize

Provides college conversations that make college an option for all students. This includes foundational college conversations on college vocabulary, scholarly skills, and exposure to college concepts.

**Elementary  
School**

**Middle  
School**

## Tangible Experiences

**Grade 6:**  
Why Go?

**Grade 7:**  
Why Me?

**Grade 8:**  
What Now?

Conversations at this level provide opportunities for students to have genuine experiences with college by making it seem more real for every student.

**High  
School**

## Skillful Application

**Grade 9:**  
Map

**Grade 10:**  
Match

**Grade 11:**  
Apply

**Grade 12:**  
Thrive

This phase of skillful application means both applying one's self to the process of preparing for college and the actual application process to postsecondary institutions.