



NEWS & INFORMATION ABOUT  
PLANNING FOR AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

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FOR PARENTS OF 7<sup>TH</sup> & 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENTS

## SCHOOL'S OUT FOR THE SUMMER!

School might be out, but there are still ways for your student to keep learning over the summer. In addition to local offerings through Boys & Girls Clubs, the library or other organizations, several colleges and universities have summer camps and programs for middle and high school students. Programs focus on a variety of topics including science, art, or sports, and may be day programs or overnights. Scholarships are usually available for those who qualify.



### Oregon State University Precollege Programs

[precollege.oregonstate.edu](http://precollege.oregonstate.edu)

### Southern Oregon University Pre-College Programs

[inside.sou.edu/youth](http://inside.sou.edu/youth)

### Lane Community College Rites of Passage Summer Academies

[lanecc.edu/mcc/rites-passage](http://lanecc.edu/mcc/rites-passage)

### Hatfield Marine Science Center Day Camps

[hmsc.oregonstate.edu/visitor-center/education/marine-education/day-camps](http://hmsc.oregonstate.edu/visitor-center/education/marine-education/day-camps)

### OMSI Camps & Classes

[omsi.edu/camps-and-classes](http://omsi.edu/camps-and-classes)

## DID YOU KNOW?

College graduates have lower unemployment rates than those with just a high school diploma.

## COLLEGE MYTHS (AND REALITIES)

**MYTH:** College classes are huge; it's hard to ask professors for help.

**REALITY:** Most college classes (especially at smaller colleges) have class sizes similar to what your student might be used to in high school. Check out a college's faculty-to-student ratio to be sure (usually on the college website). However, your student may be in a class that's big – maybe even bigger than the whole school now! These classes are usually broken down into smaller sections where students can ask questions from a teaching assistant. Professors are always available via e-mail or during office hours which are regularly scheduled times each week to meet with students.

## PARENT CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Help your student stay involved this summer with camps, programs, volunteering or even a job.** Combat boredom and prevent learning loss by insisting your student stay on a (somewhat) regular schedule and participating in summer programs, volunteering or finding a job like mowing lawns or babysitting.
- ☐ **Prepare for the transition to high school.** Entering high school can be a big change socially and academically for many students. Attend events or workshops specifically for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders and talk to the school or other parents with high school students about questions or concerns. Talk to your student about what she might be excited or nervous about.
- ☐ **Visit college campuses.** If you're going on vacation and travelling near a college, stop by to walk around and have lunch at a dining hall or near campus. Many schools offer free tours even in summer.

## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



GEAR UP stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs and is a federally-funded program that helps rural, low-income middle and high schools prepare students for education after high school.

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