



High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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9th Grade

Why College? Education Makes Life Better

- **More job satisfaction.** Individuals with a college degree are more likely to rate their work as important or very important.
- **More money.** Individuals with a college degree earn an average of \$22,000 more per year than those with only a high school diploma.
- **Less unemployment.** Someone with a four-year degree is much less likely to be unemployed than someone with only a high school diploma.
- **More benefits.** Jobs that require a college degree are more likely to offer health insurance and retirement plans.
- **Better health.** College graduates are more likely to exercise and report better health.
- **More likely to vote.** Thirty percent more college graduates voted in the 2008 election than those with only a high school diploma.
- **Volunteer more.** College graduates are twenty percent more likely to volunteer in their communities.
- **Live longer.** People with a college degree live almost nine years longer than those without a high school diploma.

Sources: [College Board](#), [U.S. Census](#), [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics](#), [Oregon GEAR UP](#)



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Did You Know?

According to a recent survey, for students in grades 6-12, only one percent of the parents did not expect their children to complete high school.

Source: [Parent and Family Involvement in Education](#)

Things to Think About...

- Do you have good study habits?
- Do you read what is necessary to complete an assignment?
- Do you hand in assignments on time?
- Do you prepare ahead of time for assignments and tests instead of cramming at the last minute?
- Do you have the resources needed to complete assignments or knows where to find what is needed? If not, ask a teacher or counselor for help.