

College preparation Unit study Collected by [Marsha McKellep](#).

Vocabulary

SAT CLEP Placement Testing
Credit Course Financial Planning
Financial Aid Self Designed Study Online Courses
College Board

College prep

Preparing for college
<http://collegeprep.okstate.edu/>

The College Board Web site offers good resources for students and parents as you go through the last two years of high school and prepare for life after high school. Each year, the College Board serves over three and a half million students and their parents, 23,000 high schools, and 3,500 colleges through major programs and services in college admissions, guidance, assessment, financial aid, enrollment, and teaching and learning. Among its best-known programs are the SAT, the PSAT/NMSQT, and the Advanced Placement Program (AP).

Parents section: <http://www.collegeboard.com/parents>

Lesson plans, resources, career choices
<http://www.kidzone.org/streamingfutures/>

traditional parent directed info
<http://www.abekaacademy.org/Traditional/default.html>

A Guide for Parents: Ten Steps to Prepare Your Child for College
<http://www.collegeispossible.org/index.php?module=ContentExpress&func=display&ceid=6&meid=12>

Courses Students Should Take in Middle School or Junior High to Prepare for College
<http://www.collegeispossible.org/index.php?module=ContentExpress&func=display&ceid=10&meid=12>

College Preparation for Homeschool Students
http://www.jahe.info/College_Prep.htm

College Preparation Guide
<http://www.uofcfcu.com/RealityBites/?content=college/prep/index.cfm>

Help for college planning
<http://www.letu.edu/Admissions/highschool/flash.html>

Parent guide that answers questions about preparing for college
<http://www.ed.gov/pubs/Prepare/index.html>

This site is actually for younger kids(6-8th grade) to get them better prepared for college. It has study tips, organization. It also has a site for parents to start preparing now for the college years.
<http://www.newsroom.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/display.cgi?id=1177>

Tips for Homeschooled students and admission
<http://www.collegeboard.com/article/1,,5-25-0-56,00.html?orig=sch>

info on SAT and ACT and suggested curriculum
<http://lamppostpublishing.com/homeschoolhighschool.htm>

This site has many links and guides to help prepare for college
<http://www.geocities.com/mamashelper2000/collegeprep.htm>

This site is full of ideas and tips to prepare for college days
<http://www.collegeboard.com/parents/article/0,3708,700-702-0-21302,00.html>

Has some Test Practice Books that are good prep for College Level Testing!
http://www.mcdougallittell.com/state/ga/practice_wksts.cfm

Course materials
<http://www.phschool.com/atschool/Mathematics/index.html>

Template for writing a high school transcript
http://www.educatingourkids.org/High_School_Transcripts.htm

Timeline for preparing for college
http://www.bmrtd.net/high_school/guidance/college_planning.htm

Super Camp-Prep for College
<http://www.supercamp.com/lp/collegeforum.htm?src=GOO06&spec=%231%20College%20Prep&kw>

College Test Prep websites

SAT lab, ACT lab, college guidance
<http://www.powerprep.com/>

SAT Preparation Center™ Get ready for the SAT with math, critical reading, and writing practice questions including a review of the SAT essay. Official SAT Practice Test - Download, print, and take a free, full-length practice test. Then review a free score and skills report, and explanations to all test answers
http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/prep_one/prep_one.html

Online test preparation courses are totally free! By creating an account you can access a customized course that includes user-friendly tutorials, practice sessions that dynamically adapt to each student's ability level, a vocabulary builder, and more...
<http://www.number2.com/>

Information about ACT tests
<http://www.act.org/>

Free practice tests. ACT test dates, ACT registration, ACT scores, college and career planning.
<http://www.actstudent.org/>

Get Ready for the SAT: Help Your Child Score High
<http://yahoo.greatschools.net/cgi-bin/showarticle/ca/244/?page=1>

Free Practice Tests
http://www.testprepreview.com/gre_practice.htm

4Tests.com is a world-wide provider of free, online practice exams.
<http://www.4tests.com/>

Number2.com's online test preparation courses are totally free! By creating an account you can access a customized course that includes user-friendly tutorials, practice sessions that dynamically adapt to each student's ability level, a vocabulary builder, and more...
<http://www.number2.com/>

Free practice tests for SAT
http://www.testprepreview.com/sat_practice.htm

Study tips and practice tests for ACT and SAT
<http://www.powerprep.com/>

Registration and preparation for SAT, Also has info on college tuition
www.collegeboard.com

Free SAT Materials
<http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/index.html>

Also, college & SAT prep. info available through
www.forsuchatimeasthis.com

Great info on AP credit and CLEP courses as well.
<http://www.homeschoolfriendlycolleges.com/>

Free website that allows students to prepare for SAT. Requires registration.
[tp://www.studyhall.com/](http://www.studyhall.com/)

This site prepares you for ACT. It is not a free site
<http://study-smart.com/highschool.htm>

Scholarships and financial aid

Find college financial aid, conduct a scholarship search with our scholarship search engine, and get the money you need to pay for college
www.fastweb.com

This offers 5 solutions to prepare financial aid and timetables to prepare for college
www.powerprep.com/collguid.htm

This is the Federal site for applying for Financial aid
<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

This site goes through loans, grants, military money and other forms of aids and
<http://www.scholarships.http://www.finaid.org/>

This site offers many tips on scholarships and programs
<http://www.college-scholarships.com/>

How stuff work site that gives tips on how to find financial aid on the internet.
<http://money.howstuffworks.com/college-financial-aid.htm>

Info on scholarships
[tp://www.fastweb.com/fastweb/register/start?ref=webclients-1f-32075-](http://www.fastweb.com/fastweb/register/start?ref=webclients-1f-32075-)

Skills needed for college

This does not directly relate to college prep, but is still important for college prep.
<http://www.ucc.vt.edu/stdysk/checklis.html>

Setting goals for college
<http://www.collegegoals.com/articles.html>

STUDY SKILL CHECKLIST and Online Study Skills Workshops
<http://www.ucc.vt.edu/stdysk/stdyhlp.html>

Articles on being a successful college student and what to look for during college visits and interviews.

<http://www.aboutcollege.com/goals.htm>

Preparing for college during early school years

<http://www.familyeducation.com/article/0,1120,1-11861,00.html>

Free College Prep writing course

<http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Garden/2554/writing.html>

Website teaching study skills

<http://www.ci.maryville.tn.us/mhs/studyskills/>

Website teaching skills for college

http://www.coedu.usf.edu/zalaquett/Help_Screens/study_skills.htm

Books regarding study skills. These skills can be used now and later in life.

<http://www.shambles.net/pages/staff/StudyS/>

Universities and Colleges

Search Colleges in the USA

<http://www.schoolsintheusa.com/>

This is a list of Universities by state

<http://www.utexas.edu/world/univ/state>

here you will find advice on finding a good college. Also provides information on how colleges view transcripts

<http://www.collegeboard.com/splash>

This is a college in Louisiana

www.loyolaprep.org

This is a college prep school in Oakland, CA

www.college-prep.org

This is an article from US News that lists America's best colleges for 2006

http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/student-center_brief.php

List of colleges that are homeschool friendly

http://learninfreedom.org/colleges_4_hmsc.html

Lists colleges by name that have homeschoolers accepted

http://www.collegezone.com/studentzone/107_1128.htm

This lists colleges that are home school friendly.

<http://www.homeschoolfriendlycolleges.com/index.html>

UC Riverside Actively Recruits Homeschool Students

A new program allows admission through an assessment of a student portfolio

More information is available on the Web at: <http://www.my.ucr.edu>

Media sources are available at <http://www.mediasources.ucr.edu/>

Washington Home-school Organization, <http://www.washhome-school.org/>

AP courses are now offered on line. See <http://www.apex.netu.com>

The www.collegeboard.com website will also allow you to search by specific religious faiths. When possible, it is especially important for a home-schooled student to schedule an interview with potential colleges. This will provide the college with an additional avenue to assess the student academic potential and fit for the college.

Some home-schooled students may be seeking a Bible or Christian college. A list of accredited Bible colleges can be found at www.abhe.org.

A list of Christian colleges can be found at www.cccu.org

The web site <http://ncsl.org/programs/educ/homesch.html> gives an incomplete picture of the various state regulations for home-schooling. At a minimum, two other sites should be referenced for comparison purposes:

<http://www.nhen.org/legnet/index.html>

<http://www.hslda.org/central/states/>

Another good place to find resources is by using the web directory Yahoo for listing of home-schooling sites:

http://dir.yahoo.com/Education/Theory_and_Methods/Home_Schooling/

State requirements for Financial Aid eligibility website:

<http://ncsl.org/programs/educ/homesch.htm>

Some useful websites:

www.collegeboard.org/features/home/html/intro.html

www.hslda.org/docs/000001/00000163.ASP (survey of college policies)

Homeschooling parent that gives a list of home school friendly colleges

<http://www.homeschoolingparent.com/hfcolluniv.htm>

Books

This book gives tips to help through high school and beyond. It has a large selection for college admission. Lots of forms and links to find out more info and a list of colleges and whether they are homeschool friendly.

Homeschooling High School by Jeanne Gown Dennis

This book gives you a list of high school classes that will prepare you for a major in college and how the classes you take can be used in later life. You look up careers and see what type of education is recommended. It then gives a list of what can be taken in high school and then what should be then in college. It is interesting and I wish I had this while I was in High school.

College Majors and Careers: A Resource Guide for Effective Life Planning by Paul Phifer

Homeschoolers' College Admissions Handbook by Cafi Cohen

Accelerated Distance Learning by Brad Voeller. This young man completed his Bachelor's degree in under 6 months for around \$5,000. He received some of his credit for life experience, which some younger students would not have. Still, one young man in the Houston area completed his Bachelor's degree in about 21 months using Brad Voeller's suggestions. This book made me realize the need for study skills in Junior/High school including speed reading, memorization skills and writing skills (note taking).