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Fast Forward to College (▶▶FWD): Kinder – 12th Grade Curriculum 25 minutes at a time

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Fast Forward to College Curriculum ▶ ▶ Kinder-11th Grade

- Developmentally appropriate interactive and easy to implement lessons and activities for Kinder-11th grade.
- 25-minute lessons designed for use in school, community and/or after school settings.
- Based on a college-going framework to increase college and career readiness by fostering college aspirations, teaching college knowledge, supporting the college planning process.
- Sequenced lessons are organized by themes, build on each other throughout the year, and increase in depth and rigor each year.
- Kinder through 5th lessons are aligned to Common Core, ELD and Social-Emotional Learning competencies.
- Curriculum includes pre and post student surveys to assess learning.
- Curriculum includes lesson plans, handouts, presentations (when needed), and optional extension activities.
- Curriculum is revised annually to update resources and reflect changes in admission and financial aid policy.

LEVEL	KINDER – 11 TH GRADE CURRICULUM THEMES
Kinder - 5th Grade 15 lessons per grade span: K-2 nd & 3 rd - 5 th	<p>I Believe in Myself!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students make connections between being a successful student and making good choices along their educational journey. ▪ Students begin to develop the core competencies of social-emotional learning, including self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making. <p>My Road to College</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students develop their knowledge of being lifelong learners and the importance of their education culminating in post-secondary options. ▪ Students strengthen college aspirations as they learn from the educational journeys of others. <p>College 101</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Students learn basic college knowledge to build on aspirations and make connections between the importance of their elementary education to the rest of their entire educational journey. ▪ Students reflect on their work throughout the year, set goals and celebrate accomplishments.
6th - 11th Grade 30 lessons per grade	<p>Prepares for the complex college and financial aid application process in the 12th grade.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Getting Ready for the School Year: Topics include transition to the new school year, identifying resources, academic and organizational skills. 2. I Believe in Myself: Topics include decision-making, managing priorities, exploring summer opportunities and being a good digital citizen. 3. My Road to College: Topics include a deep dive into the education journey of staff while students explore their own and understand the benefits of higher education. 4. Understanding All of My Options: Topics include different college systems and college exploration. 5. College 101: Topics include college requirements, exploring degrees, majors and college choice. 6. Planning My Next Move: Topics include reflection, summer goals and celebrating success.

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- Lessons reflect the senior college timeline and support students as they navigate the college admissions and financial aid application process and the transition to the first year of post-secondary education.
 - CA version: Includes 60 lessons covering information on policies and application processes relevant to CA and federal admissions and financial aid systems.
 - General version: Includes 55 lessons covering information on policies and application processes relevant to federal admissions and financial aid systems.

12TH GRADE CURRICULUM THEMES

1. College Applications

Highlights: the senior timeline, organization systems, eligibility, college & major list, letters of recommendation, scholarships

2. College Essays

Highlights: the stages of writing relevant to college admission essays

3. Support & Financial Aid

Highlights: the road map to college, speaking with family about college plans, applying for financial aid, resources for undocumented students, CSS profile, financial aid timeline

4. After You Hit the Submit Button

Highlights: next steps, navigating college portals, managing waitlists, summer programs, internships

5. Community College

Highlights: pros and cons, enrollment timeline, CC scenarios, the transfer process

6. Financial Literacy

Highlights: securing financial aid, understanding the world of credit

7. Navigating a College Campus

Highlights: seniorities, navigating college (academics, environment and campus resources)

8. Making My College Decision

Highlights: discussing college choices, weighing options, officially accepting admission, understanding and comparing award letters

9. Creating My College Plan

Highlights: completing final steps for 2-and-4-year colleges, creating college plans

10. Making a Successful College Transition

Highlights: self-advocacy, managing transitions (family, friendships, relationships and personal growth), conquering freshmen fears, giving thanks, celebrations

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