

# What Elementary School Counselors Need to Know about the College Admissions Process

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**COLLEGE**

College Counseling is not just for high school students.

It is never too early to begin the conversation about postsecondary options.



College is a goal that can be attained.

College is possible.

There are steps that can be taken to get there.



# Setting the stage

College t-shirt day!

Bulletin board with photos of teachers & signs proclaiming their college



**Ask Tania about Muhlenberg  
College**



Early on...It is all about careers

## ***Career Skill Building for Elementary Students***

1. Identify interests, likes and dislikes.
2. Describe strengths and talents.
3. Demonstrate positive behaviors and personal characteristics, such as honesty, dependability, responsibility, loyalty, and integrity.
4. Recognize that one should accept responsibility for one's behavior.
5. Interact with others in a fair, helpful and respectful way.

6. Recognize that people have many life roles that need to be balanced.
7. Demonstrate study skills and learning habits.
8. Be able to set goals and work towards achieving them.
9. Describe different ways to make decisions.
10. Recognize the skills necessary for success at school and work – communication, critical thinking, problem solving, and interpersonal skills.

Based on the NCDA guidelines for the awareness developmental stages.

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# Sample Elementary School Age Career Cluster Worksheets

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## Jobs in Technology

Exploring Career Clusters  
Grades K-2


**I make computer games.**



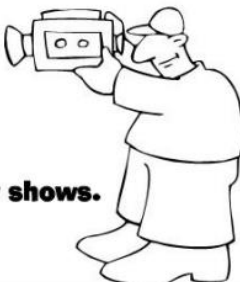
**I make web sites.**



**I fix computers.**



**I film tv shows.**




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## Outside Jobs / Working with Animals

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**I work with animals.**




**I grow food.**



**I am outside.**



**I work with animals.**



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## ***Basic Terminology***

- Application
- SAT/ACT Scores
- GPA
- Scholarships / Tuition
- Community Service

## ***Activities (K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)***

- Have students bring in photos of themselves or family members in graduation caps and gowns
  - Post on classroom bulletin board
  - Discuss the importance of graduating and completing various levels of school
- Classrooms adopt a college and decorate a door using the college colors, logos, and mascot images
- Classroom wall of fame – photos of alums & where they attended school



## ***Activities (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade)***

- ❖ Career Day
- ❖ Invite college students to speak to your class
- ❖ Invite speakers who can discuss careers
- ❖ Have students conduct job interviews

