Planning for College & Technical School

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- What are my least favorite school subjects?
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- In what areas do my talents lie (academic and non-academic)?
- What do I want to do after high school? After College?
- What goals do I hope to accomplish during high school?

**Make High School Count**
★ Try different electives to see what you like (and don’t like!)
★ Challenge yourself by taking honors classes
★ Join clubs and sports
★ Get good grades
★ Use a planner
★ Get acquainted with the computer
★ Practice taking notes and organize your binders
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**Scholarships & Financial Aid**
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- Talk honestly as a family about how you will pay for college
- Start applying for scholarships

**Tips about Scholarships**
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**Tips for Parents:**
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