

Counseling 301 for Freshman Parents Helpful Resources Handout

Enrichment

What is an enrichment program?

- A program that is held either during the school year or the summer.
- They can improve student's skills and knowledge and build your college and scholarship resumes.

Why are they important?

- They allow students to try out new activities/courses/ potential careers.
- They allow students to experience college, meet new people, visit new places or possibly earn college credit.

Where can I find enrichment program opportunities?

- www.jonescollegeprep.org / Students tab/ Counselor's Corner / Enrichment Opportunities
 - www.usummer.com
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Service Learning

What is service learning?

- Projects and opportunities that CPS high school students can engage in that serve the community and build their social and academic capacities. Obtained through classroom projects are necessary to meet the graduation requirement.

Why is it important?

- They help students develop a stronger sense of social responsibility and civic awareness.
- They help students build their resume in preparation for college entrance, internship and scholarship application opportunities.

Where can I learn more about the CPS service graduation requirement and find service learning opportunities?

- www.jonescollegeprep.org / Students tab/ Counselor's Corner / Service Learning
 - www.chicagocares.org
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Employment

How can I help my teen find a job?

- Encourage your teen to develop a resume(highlight your GPA, extracurricular activities & service learning experiences).
- Provide opportunities for your child to network with family friends and neighbors; Encourage your teen to visit local stores & businesses.

How does my teen obtain a work permit?

- Must first find a job & get a letter of intent to employ from the employer
- Visit the Jones main office and see an issuing officer (Mr. Troy Hillbrands, Ms. Irma Gamboa or Ms. Meredith Kramer). Bring along letter of intent to employ, verification of age [birth certificate or passport], social security card, current physical record, written parent approval.
- Receive your work permit.

Where can I find teen employment opportunities?

- www.onesummerchicago.org

Standardized Testing

What is the PSAT 8/9?

- A test that will help educators and students figure out what students need to work on most so that they are ready for college when they graduate from high school. It tests the same skills and knowledge as the SAT, PSAT/NMSQT, and PSAT 10 — in a way that makes sense for your grade level.

What test prep options are available?

- Personalized practice on Khan Academy gives students the opportunity to upload their test results to receive targeted learning plans that students can use to learn more about and practice the skills they need to improve. The score reports will give students comprehensive, personalized feedback on test performance, allowing students to see which questions were answered incorrectly and which academic skills should work to improve on Majors and career exploration with College Board and Roadtrip Nation.

Where can I learn more about the SAT suite of assessments?

- http://www.collegeboard.com/prod_downloads/collegeed/CE-materials-sample-8th-family-handbook.pdf
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Questions?

- Contact your child's counselor

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