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IDEAS STUDENT AND FAMILY RESOURCE

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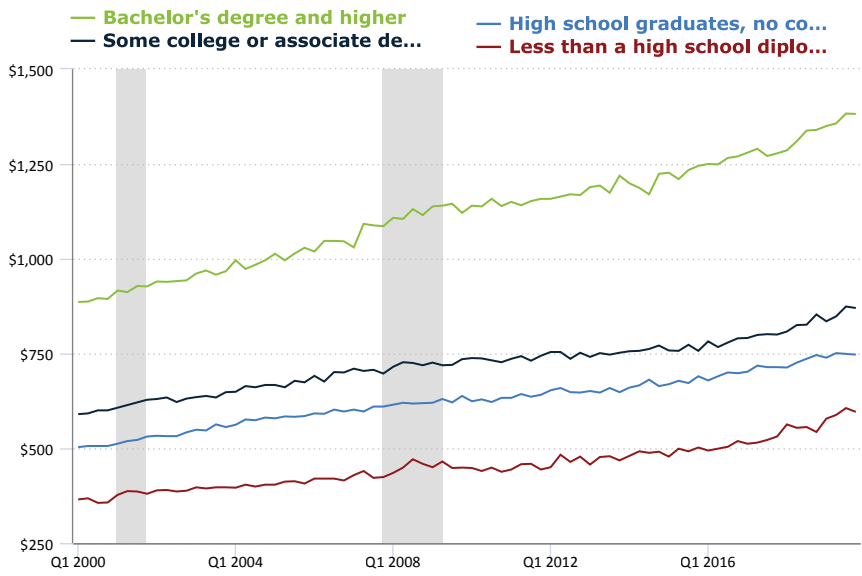
INTRODUCTION

This **IDEAS Student and Family Resource** is designed to help students and their families link the efforts at school and home to create a successful path to college and career readiness. Starting sooner rather than later, gives students more time to plan and prepare what they need so they'll have more options after they graduate.

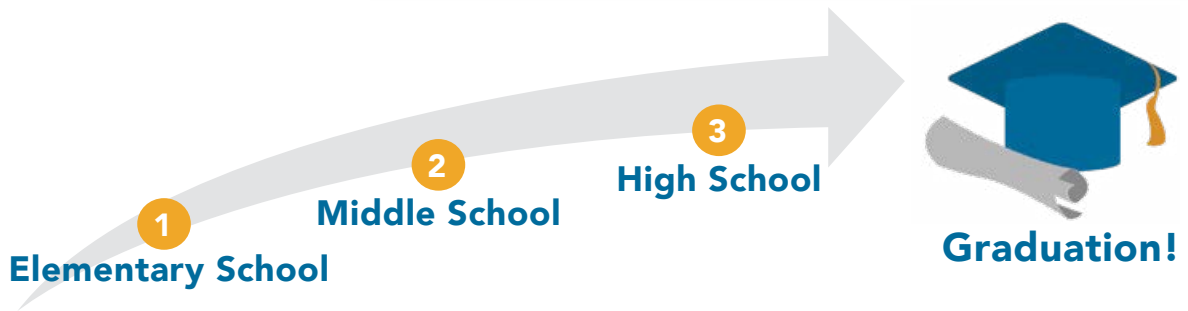
This guide supports a step-by-step process, maximizing their high school experience and getting them on track for a higher education.

Why College?

According to the Bureau of Economic Research, through the end of 2019, the median wage for high school graduates compared to those with a bachelor's or higher is nearly doubled over the life of workers 25 and older. This difference can also depend on the type of degree attained. So, understanding options is key to making the right decision.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, December 2019.
Note: Shaded area represents recession, as determined by the National Bureau of Economic Research.



THE SCHOOL CONTINUUM

There is a lot that is new for your student at every stage in school. When it comes to preparing for life decisions after high school graduation, the access to information and options seem endless. The college application process has changed in the last several years. With this guide, you will have a better understanding of what is needed along the way to college and future career options, as well as ideas to share with your student to help them find their success.

