

Help your student have an

awesome

High School experience



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Hello!

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**Why you need to be
involved?**

Life Decisions

Your **Student** in the next few years will be making life decisions:

- Will I go to college?
- Can I afford college?
- What career / job should I pursue?
- Who do I want to be? What am I passionate about?

As **Parents**,

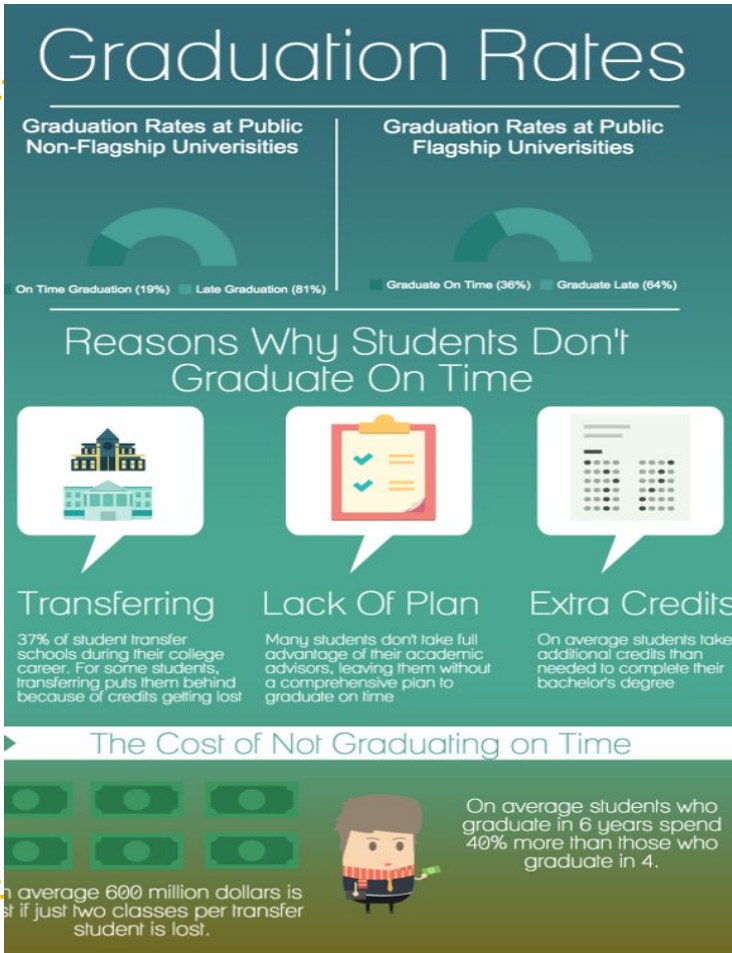
- Don't you want to be involved in those decisions?
- Wouldn't you want to be able to provide advice/guidance to your student so they can make a good decision?



\$35,300 +

Average cost of UC annually, living on campus

<http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/paying-for-uc/tuition-and-cost/index.html>



Understanding the 4 year myth

- 19% of students graduate on time - Public Non-flagship Universities (2014)
- 36% of students graduate on time - Public Flagship Universities (2014)
- Only 50 of more 580 public 4 year institutions have graduation rates > 50%
- Most complete in 6 years, according to a study by Complete College America.
- Graduating in 4 years will save 40% compared to 6 years.

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/college/2015/12/16/breaking-the-4-year-myth-why-students-are-taking-longer-to-graduate/37409747/>

Why can't students graduate in time?

Top 4 reasons:

- Lack of a clear plan
- Change of Majors
- Change of Universities
- Unnecessary courses taken

This is why I advocate for trying to find their passions as early as possible is a smart investment

**Help your student find
his/her passion**



*“ I don't know what I want to do
or what I want to be”*

*“I know I have to go to college,
but I have no idea of what major
to go into”*

What can parents do?

Find out what they like:

- Clubs
- Music
- Art
- Athletics
- Naviance & other tools
- Take your kid to work days
- Summer Jobs & others

The key is for them to try different things so they can determine what they like and what they don't like. Make sure to ask them why they like it or not

What can parents do?

Network

- Counselors /teachers
- Summer opportunities
- Talk to other parents (PTSA, parent networks)
- Naviance & other tools
- Internships

Explore

- Field trips
- College & universities

Be supportive. Once they find some things they like, help to find hands on opportunities to see if they would really like it. It's also fine, if they don't like it. Encourage them to find something else.

Need to continually communicate with student and ask if why they are passionate about something and do they show that passion?

Advantages of finding a passion in HS

- Able to pick colleges/universities that offer opportunities to pursue that passion
- Save money, as the chances increase for a 4 year graduation, because of planning and focus
- Generally, student is more self directed and focus on what needs to be done, because they understand why it needs to be done
- Parents/teachers are able to better support their student because they understand what the student is looking for.
- More opportunities for hands on experiences
- Better High School experience

Supporting your student

Be a Trusted Advisor

- Able to **listen** without judgement, offer advice without directing, and be supportive
- Student **will find trusted advisors**... Ideally, the parent should be one, but if not, who do they go to?
- Being involved helps you **get resources** that you need to help your student
- Just like networking, it can help you find out about **opportunities** in the areas that your student is interested in
- **Hands on experiences** help to clarify interest / passions



Student Performance

- If college is the future, then grades DO Matter, even for Freshman. Students need to do the best that they can, and learn to ask for help.
- If college is NOT in the future, grades still matter. This can indicate to future employers that the student is hard working and can be a good employee.

What can parents do?

- Meet your student's teachers
- Meet your student's counselors
- Track Progress with Aeries
- Check in with your student, encourage them to get help when needed
- Spend time in Naviance together *

How can I become a Trusted Advisor

- Have a conversation acknowledging the **decision is theirs.**
- **Listen without judgement**
- **Share your experiences** and how you decided on important decisions
- Be able to **present facts, pros and cons**
- Then, provide **your opinions** and how you **arrived at them**
- Make sure to **get the facts** before arriving at an opinion
- Look for **resources and networking** to help your student
- Network with others to communicate the areas of interest
- **Encourage them to explore**, even if they don't find something

Resources



MHS Resources

- MHS website: mhs.musd.org
- MHS PTSA website: trojanparent.weebly.com
- Make sure you're registered on ParentSquare
- MHS PTSA Parent Seminars (4)
- MHS Parent Seminars (Seniors) - Naviance, College Prep
- Come to MHS PTSA, talk to members (especially Senior parents)
- Check out MCEE postings



Thanks!

Any questions?

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Credits

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agenda

- Presentation (30) - 15 slides

Townhall 30-60