

## GARFIELD GOES TO COLLEGE

9 <sup>th</sup> Grade EXPLORING	10 <sup>th</sup> Grade THINKING	11 <sup>th</sup> Grade PERFECTING	12 <sup>th</sup> Grade APPLYING!
<p><b>STUDENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Attend every day</li> <li>○ Keep an open mind</li> <li>○ Engage with others</li> <li>○ Ask lots and lots of questions</li> <li>○ Get started on community service</li> <li>○ Build Relationships with adults, teachers, counselors</li> </ul> <p><b>PARENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide resources so attendance isn't a problem</li> <li>▪ Promote curiosity</li> <li>▪ Read together</li> <li>▪ Discuss news of the world</li> <li>▪ Encourage &amp; support what they do right</li> </ul>	<p><b>STUDENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Try a new club, sport, or activity</li> <li>○ Start each day with "what one thing will I learn today?"</li> <li>○ Complete community service this year</li> <li>○ Challenge yourself with one Honors or AP class</li> <li>○ Get to know your counselor</li> </ul> <p><b>PARENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Talk about colleges you have looked up on-line</li> <li>▪ Talk about the work you do and the skills needed</li> </ul>	<p><b>STUDENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Keep challenging yourself</li> <li>○ Remember that this is the year 4 year colleges use to see how you have grown as a student</li> <li>○ Begin to think about what YOU want from a school and who YOU are as a person</li> </ul> <p><b>PARENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Watch for dips in energy and purpose</li> <li>▪ Support what they do right</li> <li>▪ Read the same books they are assigned</li> </ul>	<p><b>STUDENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Finalize your list of colleges and universities</li> <li>○ Track deadlines &amp; requirements necessary for admission (have a binder!)</li> <li>○ Meet with your counselor</li> <li>○ Professionally request Letters of Recommendation</li> <li>○ FAFSA completion</li> <li>○ Take a deep breath</li> </ul> <p><b>PARENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Support your child's decisions with advice rather than judgment. Ultimately, it is your child will be living his or her life</li> </ul>
<p><b>ACADEMICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Take &amp; pass Algebra or Geometry EOC</li> <li>✓ Maintain 2.5 or higher</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACADEMICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ HSPE Writing &amp; Reading tests in spring</li> <li>✓ PSAT in Oct. Take it seriously!</li> <li>✓ Take Biology EOC</li> <li>✓ Maintain 3.0 or higher</li> <li>✓ Plan your next two years of academics with life after high school in mind</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACADEMICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ PSAT in Oct. SAT/ACT in Spring. Take it seriously!</li> <li>✓ Maintain 3.0 or higher</li> <li>✓ Take an AP exam or a SAT Subject Test</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACADEMICS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ SAT or ACT tests</li> <li>✓ Enjoy learning, enjoy school, enjoy the rigorous application process</li> </ul>

# GARFIELD GOES TO COLLEGE RESOURCES

## OBJECTIVE REFERENCE GUIDES

### Books

*College Handbook*, The College Board

*Four Year Colleges*, Peterson's

*The Handbook of Historically Black College and Universities*, Toni Hodge Kennard

*Daystar Guide to Colleges for African American Students*, Kaplan

### Websites

University and College Accountability Network at [www.ucan-network.org](http://www.ucan-network.org)

National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities at [www.naicu.edu](http://www.naicu.edu)

College Results Online at [www.collegeresults.org](http://www.collegeresults.org)

## SUBJECTIVE REFERENCE GUIDES

### Books

The Best 371 Colleges, Princeton Review

Bid Book of Colleges, College Prowler

Colleges that Change Lives: 40 Schools That Will Change the Way you Think About Colleges, Loren Pope

Student's Guide to Colleges, edited by Jordan Goldman and Colleen Buyers

### Websites

Unigo at [www.unigo.com](http://www.unigo.com)

College Prowler at [www.collegeprowler.com](http://www.collegeprowler.com)

## SUBJECTIVE MATERIALS ABOUT THE ADMISSION PROCESS

### Books

*Colleges Unranked: Ending the College Admissions Frenzy*, Lloyd Thacker

*The Gatekeepers*, Jacques Steinberg

*I'm Going to College-Not You!*, Jennifer Delahunty, editor

*Less Stress, More Success: A New Approach to Guiding Your Teen Through College*, Marilee Jones and Kenneth Ginsburg

### Websites

The Choice, Jacques Steinberg at [thechoice.blogs.nytimes.com](http://thechoice.blogs.nytimes.com)

Class Struggle, Jay Matthews at [voices.washingtonpost.com/class-struggle](http://voices.washingtonpost.com/class-struggle)

The Education Conservancy at [www.educationconservancy.org](http://www.educationconservancy.org)

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## GENERAL ADMISSION INFORMATION

### Websites

College.gov at [www.college.gov](http://www.college.gov)  
College Board at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
KnowHow2go at [www.knowhow2go.org](http://www.knowhow2go.org)  
National Association for College Admission Counseling at [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org)  
The Common Application at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)  
International Baccalaureate at [www.ibo.org](http://www.ibo.org)  
Advanced Placement at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
College Fairs Online at [www.collegeweeklive.com](http://www.collegeweeklive.com)  
Collegiate Choice Walking Tours Videos at [www.collegiatechoice.com](http://www.collegiatechoice.com)  
NACAC National College Fairs at [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org)  
Edu, Inc, Common Black College Application (36 schools) [www.eduinonline.com](http://www.eduinonline.com)

## COLLEGE DATA

College Insight at [www.college-insight.org](http://www.college-insight.org)  
College Navigator at [www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator](http://www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator)  
National Survey of Student Engagement at [www.nsse.iub.edu](http://www.nsse.iub.edu)

## TESTING INFORMATION

### Websites

ACT at [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org)  
SAT at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
Fair Test at [www.fairtest.org](http://www.fairtest.org)

## FREE PRACTICE TESTS AND TEST PREPARATION

### Websites

ACT Sample Test at [www.actstudents.org/sampletest/index.html](http://www.actstudents.org/sampletest/index.html)  
Number2 at [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com)  
SAT College Board Practice Test at [sat.collegeboard.org/practice/sat-practice-test](http://sat.collegeboard.org/practice/sat-practice-test)  
Spark Notes SAT Practice Test at [testprep.sparknotes.com/testcenter/newsat](http://testprep.sparknotes.com/testcenter/newsat)

## SPECIAL INTERESTS

### Books

*K&W Guide to Colleges for Students with Learning Disabilities or ADHD*, Marybeth Kravets and Imy Wax  
*The College Sourcebook for Students with Learning and Developmental Differences*, Midge Lipkin  
*College Guide for Performing Arts Majors 2009: The Real-World Admission Guide for Dance, Music, and Theatre Majors*  
*OR Performing Arts College Guide*, Carol Everett

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## Websites

National Portfolio Day at [www.portfolioday.net](http://www.portfolioday.net)

## Athletics

NCAA at [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

## GAP YEAR

### Books

*Before You Go: The Ultimate Guide to Planning your Gap Year*, Tom Griffiths

*Gap Year Guidebook 2012*, Wendy Bosberry-Scott

## Websites

Americorps at [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)

City Year at [www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org)

CIEE Gap Year Programs at [www.ciee.org/hsabroad/gap/index.html](http://www.ciee.org/hsabroad/gap/index.html)

Global Volunteers at [www.globalvolunteers.org](http://www.globalvolunteers.org)

Where There BE Dragons at [www.wheretherebedragons.com](http://www.wheretherebedragons.com)

## SELECTIVE SUMMER PROGRAMS

### Websites

Telluride Association Summer Program (TASP) at [www.tellurideassociation.org](http://www.tellurideassociation.org)

National Hispanic Institute at [www.nhi-net.org](http://www.nhi-net.org)

College Horizons Program for Native Americans at [www.collegehorizons.org](http://www.collegehorizons.org)

Massachusetts Institute of Technology MITES at [web.mit.edu/mites](http://web.mit.edu/mites)

## SEMESTER PROGRAMS

Cityterm at the Masters School in New York at [www.cityterm.org](http://www.cityterm.org)

The Mountain School of Milton Academy at [www.mountainschool.org](http://www.mountainschool.org)

United World Colleges at [www.uwc.org](http://www.uwc.org)

## FINANCIAL AID RESOURCES

### Websites

College Board at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

College Goal Sunday at [www.collegegoalsundayusa.org](http://www.collegegoalsundayusa.org)

FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Fastweb at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

FinAid at [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)

Federal Student Aid at [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE at [www.profileonline.collegeboard.org](http://www.profileonline.collegeboard.org)

## FINANCIAL AID CALCULATORS

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### Websites

College Board at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

FinAid Calculators at [www.finaid.org/calculators](http://www.finaid.org/calculators)

Sallie Mae Affordability Analyzer at [www.collegeanswer.com/paying](http://www.collegeanswer.com/paying)

FAFSA4caster at [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)

### SCHOLARSHIPS

#### Websites

College Scholarships.org at [www.collegescholarships.org](http://www.collegescholarships.org)

College Board Scholarship Search at [www.apps.collegeboard.org/cbsearch\\_ss/welcom.jsp](http://www.apps.collegeboard.org/cbsearch_ss/welcom.jsp)

FastWeb at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

FinAid's Major-Specific Resource at [www.finaid.org/otheraid/majors.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/majors.phtml)

Meritaid at [www.meritaid.com](http://www.meritaid.com)

Moolahspot at [www.moolahspot.com](http://www.moolahspot.com)

Peterson's Award Database at [www.finaid.org/otheraid/majors.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/majors.phtml)

Scholarships.com at [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)

Scholarships4students.com at [www.scholarships4students.com](http://www.scholarships4students.com)

The Web-based Naviance system features a scholarship search service powered by Sallie Mae

200 Free Scholarships for Minorities at [www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html](http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html)

100 Black Men of America, Inc. at [www.100blackmen.org](http://www.100blackmen.org)

American Indian College Fund at [www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org)

LGBT Scholarship Resource at [www.finaid.org/otheraid/gay.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/gay.phtml)

Hispanic scholarship Resource at [www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net)