



Our Mission:

To support and provide resources to the Obama Academy community, fostering an outstanding educational experience through communication, engagement and unity.

The PTSA assembled this information to help provide some parent/guardian resources for college and career readiness. Thinking about college/career and sorting through the information available can be an overwhelming process. We hope the resources provided will help make the task of talking to your student about college and career readiness a little easier. Below is a list of good websites full of information; it is never too early to begin thinking about our students' future.

1. <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>

This website is sponsored by the College Board and has information on finding colleges, exploring careers, financial aid, and more. Under the "Get Started" tab, there is information specifically "For Parents".

2. <http://www.educationplanner.org/>

This website is a great resource for career exploration! Students can take a career cluster assessment and watch videos about careers. Parents can find information about paying for college.

3. <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>

The **College Scorecard** provides students and families with clear college information through an interactive tool that lets them choose among any number of options based on their individual needs – including location, size, campus setting, and degree and major programs.

4. <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>

Federal Student Aid, a part of the U.S. Department of Education, is the largest provider of student financial aid in the nation. This website is full of financial aid info as well as college and career information.

5. <https://www.khanacademy.org/college-admissions>

Take some time to explore the **free resources at Khan Academy** on college admissions, financial aid applications, SAT prep and more! Also, be sure to have your student look at the free SAT prep offered at

<https://www.khanacademy.org/test-prep/sat>

6. <http://www.pta.org/parents/>

The national PTA organization has some great resources for parents. There are parent guides for download.