A Smart Choice in a Transforming Community

A MESSAGE FROM SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COLLEGE

TO MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

THIS IS THE TIME TO BE THINKING ABOUT PREPARING YOURSELF FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

Things the Student can do while in middle school:

• Think about college as an important part of your future.
• Discuss your thoughts and ideas with your family and with people at school.
• Develop strong study habits.
• Do your best in school and on standardized tests.
• If you are having difficulty, don’t give up—get help from a teacher, tutor, or mentor.
• Become involved in school or community-based activities that let you explore your interests and learn new things.
• Take challenging and interesting classes to prepare for high school.
• Ask your parent or guardian to help you research which high schools or special programs will most benefit your interests.
• Speak with adults, such as your teacher, school counselor or librarian, relatives, or family friends, who you think have interesting jobs. Ask them, “What do you like about your job?” And “What education did you need for your job?”
• Start saving for college if you haven’t already.
• Here are some other sites to check out that will benefit you:
  • [www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/early](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/early)
  • [www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/5-8/career/index.html](http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forstudents/5-8/career/index.html)