And Beyond…

LAW SCHOOL PREPARATION
Consider becoming a lawyer! Keep these tips in mind:

⇒ There is no right or wrong major for law school admission; follow your passion.
⇒ Take the LSAT as early as possible, June, October, or December of your junior year.
⇒ Maintain a good academic and disciplinary record.
⇒ Speak with your undergraduate pre-law advisor or law school admissions personnel often.
⇒ Get involved in programs such as CLEO Scholars and DiscoverLaw for law school information and preparation.
⇒ Discover the power of law with the PLUS Summer Institute at UMKC School of Law. Visit http://law.umkc.edu/prospective-students/discoverplus.asp for more information.
⇒ Explore all of your options; research different professional or graduate degree programs.

A Community of Learners
Bridging the gap between theory and practice
Concentrating on the foundations of good lawyering
Respect for people,
Respect for ideas,
Respect for justice…

The Beginning
Vision
Motivation

Checklist for Success

☐ Academic Planning
☐ ACT/SAT
☐ Application Deadlines
☐ Financial Aid Research
☐ FAFSA
☐ Careers/ Majors

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School of Law
1-200 Law School
5100 Rockhill Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64110
http://www.law.umkc.edu
On the road to college...

It's never too early to start thinking about college. Preparation can start today! Talk to your counselor about which classes fulfill college admission requirements.

ACADEMIC PLANNING

The Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) recommended core curriculum:

- English/Language Arts: 4 units
- Social Studies: 3 units
- Mathematics: 3 units
- Science: 3 units
- Fine Arts: 1 unit
- Additional Coursework: 3 units*
- Electives: 7 units**

*Per the State Board of Education: practical arts (1), physical education (1), health education (1/2), and personal finance (1/2).

**It is recommended that students complete at least 3 elective units in foreign language and/or other courses above. College bound students are strongly encouraged to take 2 units of a single foreign language.

Keep looking ahead and consider joining support programs to help you on your journey. Support programs have tutorial services, career exploration, mentoring, cultural events, summer enrichment, and college preparation. Contact your counselor to see how you may apply to these programs:

- Kauffman Scholars
- Talent Search
- Upward Bound
- Upward Bound Math-Science
- W.E.B. DuBois Learning Center

SELF-MARKETING

Participate in extracurricular activities and social clubs that you enjoy. Consider Advanced Placement (AP) or Dual Enrollment classes to add an extra sparkle to your transcripts.

Create a resume highlighting your academic and athletic achievements as well as community involvement. Take time to update your resume each semester to keep all of your activities current.

"Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

~Malcolm X

COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAMS


Before deciding which exam to take, check with the colleges/universities you are considering for their admission testing requirements. Some colleges require the ACT Plus Writing Test, in addition to the ACT.

Have you taken the PSAT exam? Some scholarships require you to take this exam in your junior year.

EXPLORE

Colleges are not one size fits all. It is all up to you! Things to consider: size, cost, offerings of majors and degrees, athletics, and student life. If you are able, take a tour and attend an open house to observe different campus settings. Research these sites for additional assistance on selecting a college and choosing a career:

http://www.kuder.com/
http://www.collegeboard.org/
http://actstudent.org/
http://www.showmethefuture.org
http://www.nationalbar.net/node/8
http://www.cleoscholars.org/
http://www.discoverlaw.org/
http://highered.mo.gov/ProgramInventory/search.jsp

The best way to predict the future is to invent it.

~Immanuel Kant

SECURING YOUR FUTURE

Know the terminology:

- Scholarship, Grant, Loan, Parent PLUS, Subsidized, Unsubsidized, Work-study, and FAFSA. Visit FAFSA.gov for details.

Complete your FAFSA form at fafsa.gov before the April 1st priority deadline. Have a discussion with your parent/guardian about affordability. Be careful not to rule out a college or program based on cost alone; consider all of your options.

When researching financial aid resources consider scholarships, grants, and gifts provided by national and local religious organizations, businesses, sororities, fraternities, and your high school alumni groups.

3...2...1... ACTION

- Ask for ACT/SAT and admission application waivers.
- Ask for letters of recommendation early.
- Participate in community service projects.
- Go to college fairs and speak with admissions representatives.
- Make your grades count. They are important indicators of academic performance.
- Get advice from school counselors, parents, teachers, college staff, and college students.

Action is the fundamental key to all success.

~Pablo Picasso