



## How to help your child prepare for NTC...

- ✓ Connect with your child's school counselor or NTC Career Coach.
- ✓ Start early. No matter how young your student is, it is never too early to begin planning for college and talking with your student about it.
- ✓ Discuss things with your child and listen to what they say. Have frequent conversations with your student about schoolwork, goals, and the importance of education.
- ✓ Help your student weigh the pros and cons about college and career choice, but let her/him make their own decisions.
- ✓ Visit schools with your child, but let her/him take the lead. Let them visit again without you.
- ✓ Make your child do the work. Help her/him (particularly with remembering deadlines), but don't do it for them. They'll be much more invested in the process and its results.
- ✓ Do your taxes ASAP after January 1 so you can get financial aid applications in early (the FAFSA—Free Application for Federal Student Aid—requires some information from your taxes, and colleges may verify what you submit on your FAFSA). Visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- ✓ Buy clothing (shirt, hat, etc...) supporting your child's school.
- ✓ Encourage your child. Motivate your student to try new activities, volunteer in the community and succeed in school. Extra activities at school help students make new friends, gain confidence and new skills, and have fun!