

COLLEGE/CAREER READINESS AT GILBERT INTERMEDIATE ROCKS!!!

**COLLEGE WEEK – ACTIVITIES, VIDEOS
DURING LUNCH, AND AN ESSAY CONTEST
PRESENTED TO INCREASE
COLLEGE/CAREER AWARENESS.**

**FAVORITE COLLEGE T-SHIRT –
STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR
FAVORITE COLLEGE T-SHIRT EVERY
MONDAY ON THE 1ST OF THE MONTH.**

**TARLETON STATE UNIVERISTY – DAY
AWAY EVENT FOR ALL 6TH GRADERS
OFFERED IN THE SPRING.**

**COLLEGE DISCUSSIONS – COLLEGE
AWARENESS AND CHOICE ARE
DISCUSSED THROUGHOUT
COLLEGE/CAREER WEEK.**

**AWARENESS ANNOUNCEMENTS –
MORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE
THROUGHOUT THE WEEK PROMOTING
COLLEGE/CAREER AWARENESS.**

**CAREER PRESENTATIONS –
PRESENTATION BY WEST TEXAS AHEC
GIVEN TO 6TH GRADERS PROMOTING
HEALTH CAREER EXPLORATION AND
JOB REQUIREMENTS.**

College and Career Readiness

Student Responsibilities:

- ★ Set goals with your future career in mind.
- ★ Have fun learning.
- ★ Remember all careers involve reading.
- ★ Be involved in school activities.
- ★ Make time to complete homework.

Parent Responsibilities:

- ★ Support your student's goals.
- ★ Encourage academic and extracurricular success.
- ★ Discuss the academic skills in different careers.
- ★ Attend school activities.
- ★ Set aside time to review homework with your student.



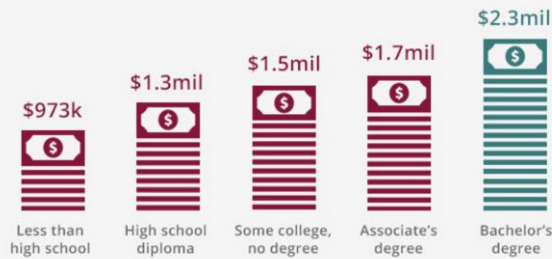
**JOIN IN AND ROCK
YOUR FUTURE BY
GOING TO COLLEGE**



**GILBERT
INTERMEDIATE**

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT GETTING AN EDUCATION?

More education leads to greater lifetime earnings



<http://www.commonapp.org/why-go-college>

Getting an education may not mean four years of college.

- ★ On-the-job training - place of employment
- ★ Apprenticeship - plumbing
- ★ Certificate Programs - welding or Certified Nursing Assistant
- ★ Associate Degree - community college
- ★ Bachelor's Degree - university
- ★ Master's Degree - university
- ★ Doctorate Degree - university

Don't settle for less than you are capable of doing!

How about \$\$\$ for free?

Scholarship contests are a great way to showcase a student's abilities as well as save for college

Scholarship Tips:

- ★ Complete the entire application.
- ★ Ask a parent or adult to proofread your application.
- ★ Beat the deadline.

Scholarship and Contest links for middle school students

- [HTTP://BARRONPRIZE.ORG/](http://BARRONPRIZE.ORG/)
- <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/bee/>



Find yours today!!

Search for *scholarships* for students under 13 years old in your favorite browser.

Saving Early = Saving Smart! Watch Your Money Grow With Your Child

WHY?

It's never too early to start saving money for college.

Here are a few reasons to start saving now:

- ★ **Rising College Costs** Estimate your child's college cost at www.finaid.org/calculators
- ★ **Benefit of Savings** For example, if you save \$14 per week (two dollars a day) in an account that earns 1% interest, you will accrue more than **\$12,400** at the end of 17 years.
- ★ **Less Debt, More Investment** Earn interest by opening a savings account today versus paying interest on a loan later. *The best graduation gift you can give your child is to help him or her leave **college debt-free!***

HOW?

- ★ **Choosing the Right Savings Plan** Prepaid tuition and college savings plans (known as 529 plans) offer tax-free withdrawals for college expenses. To learn more about these plans and decide which one is right for you, visit www.collegesavings.org.
- ★ **Determining Your Child's Eligibility for Federal Student Aid** Federal Student Aid provides more than \$150 billion in federal aid in the form of grants, work-study programs, and loans to students who qualify. Visit StudentAid.ed.gov/eligibility for aid eligibility and StudentAid.ed.gov/fafsa/estimate for the FAFSA4caster <https://studentaid.ed.gov>
- ★ www.GenTX.org - Join in and Rock Your Future.