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Sneak Peek: KnowHow2GO University

Attention mentors: KnowHow2GO-U opens for enrollment this spring! This new, virtual campus will live on KnowHow2GO.org. Student visitors to KnowHow2GO-U can go inside campus buildings like the admissions and financial aid offices to find related information and activities. They can also listen to actual college radio stations, decorate their virtual dorm rooms and sit in on real college classes.



Encourage your teen to take a tour of our campus beginning in April. It'll give him or her a taste of college life *before* graduating high school.

Real College Tours

Spring and summer are perfect times to visit *real* college campuses with your teen, in addition to KnowHow2GO-U. Before you go, be sure to [download and print](#) the "Pocket Guide to Choosing a College." The guide, created by the [National Survey of Student Engagement Institute](#), lists the best questions to ask on a college tour.

Find the Right Summer J-O-B

March 20 is the first day of spring, which means summer is just around the corner! Urge your teen to make their summer break meaningful by getting a job, internship or volunteer position. These experiences allow students to [try out different careers](#) and [get an idea of what they'd like to study in college](#).

Summer work can also give students an edge when applying for college. Colleges like to see that teens are dedicated and responsible. Share these tips with your teen to get him or her started:

- **Think Big.** Consider what you would *really* like to do. If you love spending the summer outdoors, you might try to working at a summer camp or national park.
- **Think About Careers.** Call up businesses related to your interests and find out if they need summer help. If you love *Grey's Anatomy*, try to get a job at your local hospital. If writing is your thing, you might enjoy working at your local newspaper.
- **Think About Starting Your Own Business.** There are lots of small businesses you could create. If you're good with plants, you could spend the summer as a landscaper. Start making calls and lining up clients now!
- **Think About Not Getting a Job.** A summer job isn't right for everyone. If you're really into dancing or sports, focus on developing those skills.
- **Think About Volunteering.** Working for a local charity is a great way to gain experience while helping people in your community.

Click [here](#) for more summer job information from [The College Board](#).

All About APs

Before your teen registers for classes next year, consider this. Many high schools offer "Advanced Placement" classes that can give students an edge in college. If your teen does well in AP classes,

he or she can earn college credit.

APs may sound tough, but chances are there's a class in your teen's favorite [subject area](#). To find out which APs are offered at your teen's school, ask a teacher or guidance counselor. And don't worry if your teen's school doesn't have AP classes or he or she is unable to test into them. Colleges respect students who take [the toughest classes they can manage](#).



True or False?

Colleges require teens to take three or more years of social sciences classes (history, economics, geography, psychology, etc.).

For the answer to this and other questions about going to college, take the KnowHow2GO [College Quiz](#).

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