

Junior High Timeline

- **Think about college** or another type of education after graduating high school as part of your future plans. Discuss your interest in education with family members, teachers, church members and other people you know who attended college.
- **Discuss a college savings plan** with family members.
 - Big Future-Your College Savings Options
- **Take challenging classes** to determine which subjects you enjoy best. Knowing the direction you may want to go in terms of a career will help you select a school that is top in that field, as well as find scholarships for students in a specific area of study.
- **Develop strong study habits** and stay focused in school. Self-discipline doesn't come automatically to college students. Those who can balance studying and outside activities find the greatest success.
- If you are struggling in school, **don't give up**. Reach out to teachers and school administrators for tutoring suggestions and help with study skills.
- **Speak with adults such as family members, teachers or family friends about their job career choices**. Ask them about their jobs and what type of education was beneficial to secure such a job.
- **Apply for the 21st Century Scholars Program**. This program pays for tuition at any Indiana public college/university or pays a set amount to an Indiana private college. This program does have income guidelines that typically align with the free/reduced lunch program. If you are on free or reduced lunch, it is a great idea to apply!