



**Switched-On**  
SCHOOLHOUSE

# 2015 Curriculum Catalog

College Planner

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## COURSE OVERVIEW

College Planner is a one-semester high-school elective, with the following goals:

- guiding students in the entire college process
- planning for college
- selecting the right school
- the application process
- financial aid
- guiding students who may not be headed to college

The program focuses on the decision-making process of choosing a school, covering both the application process and financial requirements. Additionally, for those students who will not be attending college or university, the course surveys non-college options.

Upon completion of the course, students should be able to do the following:

- Articulate reasons for attending college and for choosing a specific institution over another.
- Identify the planning steps to be taken by students during each year of high school.
- Understand the basic differences between the SAT and ACT entrance exams, knowing how best to prepare for each one.
- Understand the major costs of attending college and what financial aid options are available.
- Identify post-high school options for individuals who will not be attending college.

Additionally, students will gain practice in report-writing, covering topics like God's plan, admissions essays, college costs, and more.

COLLEGE PLANNER	UNIT 1: MY EDUCATIONAL FUTURE	
	Assignment Titles	
	1. Course Overview	7. Why Choose a Particular School?
	2. Who Are You and What Do You Want?	8. What Are Colleges Really Looking For?
	3. Report: God's Plan for You	9. Quiz 2: Making Educational Decisions
	4. Common Reasons to Go to College	10. Special Project*
	5. What's God's Will for My Educational Future?	11. Test
	6. Quiz 1: Education Goals	12. Reference

COLLEGE PLANNER	UNIT 2: CHOOSING A COLLEGE	
	Assignment Titles	
	1. What Type of School is Right for Me?	7. Project: Choose Your School
	2. Freshmen/Sophomores: Planning Calendars	8. Quiz 2: Narrowing Down the Choices
	3. Juniors/Seniors: Planning Calendars	9. Special Project*
	4. Quiz 1: Picking the Right School	10. Test
	5. Your Ideal School: Creating Your Long List	11. Reference
	6. Your Ideal School: Creating Your Short List	

COLLEGE PLANNER	UNIT 3: ENTRANCE EXAMS AND APPLICATIONS			
	Assignment Titles			
	1.	College Entrance Exams: The PSAT	7.	Essay: Admissions Essay
	2.	College Entrance Exams: The SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject Tests	8.	Athletics and Fine Arts
	3.	College Entrance Exams: The ACT	9.	Quiz 2: The Application Process
	4.	Quiz 1: Entrance Exams	10.	Special Project*
	5.	Applications and Recommendations	11.	Test
	6.	Admissions Essays	12.	Reference

COLLEGE PLANNER	UNIT 4: PAYING FOR COLLEGE			
	Assignment Titles			
	1.	What Does College Cost?	7.	A Message to Parents (and Students)
	2.	Project: The Costs of College	8.	Quiz 2: Financial Aid
	3.	How Much Will You Be Expected to Pay?	9.	Special Project*
	4.	Types of Financial Aid: Grants and Loans	10.	Test
	5.	Quiz 1: College Costs	11.	Reference
	6.	Types of Financial Aid: Scholarships and More		

COLLEGE PLANNER	UNIT 5: NON-COLLEGE OPTIONS			
	Assignment Titles			
	1.	Interviewing: Some Questions	7.	Review
	2.	Project: Your List of Questions*	8.	Quiz 2: Other Options
	3.	Mentoring	9.	Special Project*
	4.	Quiz 1: Getting Help with Questions	10.	Test
	5.	Other Options: Apprenticeship and Internship	11.	Reference
	6.	Other Options: Military		

(\*) Indicates alternate assignment