



JUNIOR CURRICULUM 2016-17

SESSION	TOPICS & ACTIVITIES	ACTION ITEMS
1 Welcome to College Possible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College Possible community • Shared expectations for self, peers and coach • Describe the steps of the college process 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect completed index cards
2 Reasons to Go	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definitions of college • Reasons to attend college and earn a degree • Reflect on personal motivations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect personal reflections
3 College Pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Life in a Bag” Activity • Explore different types of colleges and degrees • Discuss career options for types of degrees • Analyze persistence and graduation data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect personal reflections
4 Researching Colleges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Life in a Bag” Activity • Introduction college match and fit • Create College Greenlight account 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect activity guide
5 Mapping College Graduation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Life in a Bag” Activity or Team Building • Explain importance of high school course selection • Explore different degree paths and career prospects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect course audit and self-assessment
6 College Presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice navigating college websites • Discuss individual and collective expectations for group work • Research a college using a variety of resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect completed <i>Shopping for College</i> handouts
7 College Presentations, Part II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and give college presentation • Reflect on college presentations and personal preferences that are forming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect completed <i>Shopping for College</i> handouts
8 College Costs, Financial Fit & Financial Aid 101	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce concept of financial fit • Explain sticker price and net price • Discuss loans and college as an investment • Dissect a financial aid award letter 	
9 Money Management 101	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Game of Life” Activity • Compare checking and savings accounts • Discuss interest and managing money 	
10 <i>First Generation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch <i>First Generation</i> documentary • Discuss and reflect on the motivations and challenges of the four characters 	

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11 College Application Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain the components of a college application and the review process • Evaluate and rank sample college applications • Identify characteristics and qualities of a strong college application 	
12 Resumes: Presenting Your Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the importance of a resume • Analyze the content and format of a resume • Complete a resume starter worksheet • Practice writing strong bullet points 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect <i>All About Me</i>
13 Creating a Resume	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a working resume • Offer constructive feedback on a peer's resume • Incorporate peer feedback on personal resume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect draft of resume
14 Growth Mindset, Failure & Goalsetting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify long-term goals and short-term goals • Discuss goalsetting and how to set a SMART goal • Introduce fixed mindset and growth mindset 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect student SMART goals
15 College Academics - Study Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differences between high school and college academics • Explore the connection between ACT/SAT prep and skills necessary to succeed academically in college 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study plan for upcoming test or project
16 College Academics - ACT/SAT Writing I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand structure and components of the ACT/SAT essay • Understand how these essays relate to college skills 	
17 College Academics - ACT/SAT Writing II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paraburger and creating an outline • Introduce process wrtining • Practice writing ACT/SAT essay 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect practice outline(s) and essay
18 College Academics - Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Accomplishments • Overview of Next Season • Update Timelines & Action Plans • Writing "Thank You" Notes • Celebration 	
19 Summer Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect to growth mindset to summer plans • Explore the issue of summer learning loss • Research and present local summer enrichment 	
20 Registering for the ACT/SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register for the ACT/SAT 	
21 Goals Check-In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review value of setting goals • Assess progress and set/refine new goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised SMART goals
22 Celebrating the ACT/SAT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebreate the ACT/SAT 	

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23 Refocusing: Getting Ready for College Applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Tree of Life” Activity • Identity Map • Discuss tasks and expectations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect Students’ Identity Activities
24 Letters of Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce role of the letter of recommendation • Discuss strategies for securing strong recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of potential recommenders • Completed Rec worksheet
25 Intro to College Essays	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyze the role of the essay in the application • Brainstorm potential essay themes and examples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save a copy of student brainstorm guides
26 College Essays, Part II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the unique role of the special circumstance essay in a college application • Analyze sample essays for content and structure • Brainstorm potential essay topics and examples 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save a copy of student brainstorm guides
27 Cost of College Revisited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explain different types of financial aid • “Talking to Parents” handout • Evaluate costs and benefits of college options based on net price and outcome data • Reflect on personal financial preparation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect financial self-reflections
28 College Lists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the importance of a balanced list • Reflect on personal college preferences • Identify key information about prospective colleges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect draft college lists (site program teams will address how and where student college lists should be saved)
29 Marketing Your College Self	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the importance of maintaining a positive digital reputation • Create a LinkedIn profile • Join the College Possible LinkedIn group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LinkedIn Profile
30 Workshop & Final Check-In	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete all year-end materials • Assess progress towards SMART goals and create action plan for summer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collect completed year-end materials
INSERT SESSIONS		
A Preparing for a College Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What Makes Colleges Different? • Person or Pamphlet? • College Fair Objectives and Expectations 	
B Reflection on the Baseline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection on the ACT/SAT Baseline 	
C Community Service & Service Certificates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Community Service • Community Service at College Possible • The College Connection 	