

75 POSSIBLE IDEAS AND ACTIVITIES FOR CCGC

1. On designated days, all staff wear college memorabilia such as T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. of their alma mater
2. Have a schoolwide college and/or career gear day
3. Staff post the name of their alma mater in or outside their classroom
4. The teaching staff regularly speak to students about their educational journey
5. Students have opportunities to interview staff about their educational journey
6. Teachers guide students in creating individual or group displays such as posters, books, or bulletin boards on their college and career aspirations
7. Teachers create visuals or bulletin board displays of their educational journeys and post them around the school where students can read them
8. School posts a banner at the entrance of school that communicates its commitment to a college- and career-going culture
9. Students develop and share their postsecondary plans with their family, friends, community, and others
10. Provide professional development regarding how to create a college- and career-going culture
11. Create a parent organization at every school level
12. Have an essay contest based on college essay questions
13. Have a college and career classroom door decorating contest
14. Mark a road map or a wall map and label colleges to display in the hallway
15. Visit a college campus as a class
16. Ensure that all students can take home a picture of themselves on a college campus
17. Fill out a mock college application and then set goals for students to fill in the gaps on the application
18. Have students, teachers, or counselors write to colleges to get catalogues, admission videos, and/or gear
19. Have students think about the future and use imagination to write a letter home from college describing the experience
20. Research the colleges attended by people who come up in class studies or discussions
21. Have college students, professors, and/or presidents visit the school
22. Watch an admissions video together
23. Display teacher diplomas in the front hall
24. Have a bulletin board displaying high school seniors that were accepted into postsecondary pursuits (college, career training programs, military, etc.)
25. Students brainstorm a list of as many colleges and careers as they can think of without asking others; compare lists
26. Look up colleges and careers on the web with mentors
27. Make a must-have packing list of everything to take to college
28. Collect pictures of teachers when they were in college and make a teacher college “facebook” or bulletin board; find interesting facts, college info, and other neat stuff to include
29. Attend a college sporting event as a class
30. Have students visit a college library to do homework there
31. Buy supplies at the college bookstore to use as class prizes
32. Plan and do a math scavenger hunt on a college campus
33. Research about different majors and careers associated with them
34. Have a schoolwide college and career trivia question each day
35. Make a list to compare middle school and/or high school to college

36. Make a list of dream jobs/careers and look at the level of education needed
37. Display college banners/pennants
38. Find out how certain colleges were started and when
39. Have high school seniors talk to younger students about their college search
40. Make a list of different kinds of colleges (two-year, four-year, public, private); find examples of each and how they differ
41. Interview teachers, parents, community adults and mentors, etc. about their college experiences
42. Have a school-based college fair with local alumni representing their alma mater
43. Interview current college students
44. Have the school library display college and career catalogues, books, and other resources for students and parents
45. Send home a list to parents about helpful websites and a list of good books about colleges and careers
46. Make a collage using old college catalogues and magazines
47. Do an online scavenger hunt about colleges and/or careers
48. Follow college basketball teams during March Madness
49. Have a “college of the day” or “career of the day” that gets mentioned in the morning announcements
50. Have students ask parents and other relatives and friends about how they learned about a college or career and selected one
51. Have a poetry writing contest about students’ college and/or career goals
52. Hold a school field day on a nearby college campus
53. Invite families to attend a college sporting event on the weekend
54. Let parents know about free activities, art shows, and exhibits happening on nearby college campuses
55. Visit a class with a college student
56. Take CPR and/or first aid training on a college campus
57. Recruit mentors from a college fair
58. Make a college or career coloring book for younger students
59. Host a college mascots drawing contest
60. Visit a college radio station or TV studio and interview a student that works there
61. Do a leadership-through-service project on a college campus
62. Find out the difference between a college and a university
63. Invite college students from a country or region being studied by your class to visit your school
64. Try to find a college or career for every letter of the alphabet
65. Have students research and then present about a college or career to others in class
66. Take parents on a college campus tour
67. Include business members along with community and college partners in planning district-wide goals
68. Students are required to take comprehensive course semester tests
69. Eliminate semester test exemptions
70. Make students aware of summer academic programs and provide transportation
71. Create a parent/stakeholder organization titled Parent Academic and Curriculum Enrichment (PACE)
72. Research and implement additional academic clubs and organizations and require student participation
73. Provide college and career information in a variety of languages representative of student enrollment
74. Support attendance at GEAR UP endorsed professional development sessions
75. Share the results of assessments with students and parents on an annual basis