



7TH GRADE CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Dream big.** Imagine yourself in college, shaping your future the way you want it. Then decide no one will hold you back!
- ☐ **Save a little, learn a lot.** Instead of grabbing a snack from the vending machine every day, bring a snack from home as often as you can. Pocket your snack money and put it in your savings account for future expenses. Check out [OklahomaMoneyMatters.org](https://oklahomamoneymatters.org) for more saving and money management tips. Talk to your counselor and visit [OKPromise.org](https://okpromise.org) to learn about our state's premier scholarship program, Oklahoma's Promise.
- ☐ **Get involved.** Colleges are looking for students who will give a helping hand in their communities. Find an activity that interests you and join in—if not at school, then with a community, religious or social group.
- ☐ **Wise up.** Make wise choices that will help you succeed in life rather than choices that would keep you from reaching your goals.
- ☐ **Ask for help.** If you're struggling in a subject, don't get discouraged. Ask your teacher or parents for help and see about tutoring opportunities.
- ☐ **Keep believing.** College is a challenge, but it's also rewarding! Tell everyone about your plans. Before you know it, they'll be excited, too. For more tips on planning, preparing and paying for college, visit [UCanGo2.org](https://ucango2.org) and [OKcollegestart.org](https://okcollegestart.org).