

College Readiness in a Global Context

In today's rapidly evolving world, college readiness is about much more than securing high board examination scores. Whether students choose to study in India or abroad, universities increasingly seek young people who are curious, adaptable, responsible, and prepared to succeed in diverse learning environments.

Consider two students with equally impressive academic records. One has focused solely on examinations, while the other has also participated in community service, school leadership, innovation competitions, or creative projects. Increasingly, colleges value the second student because these experiences demonstrate initiative, collaboration, resilience, and real-world learning.

What does college readiness look like today? Beyond academics, students should gradually develop:

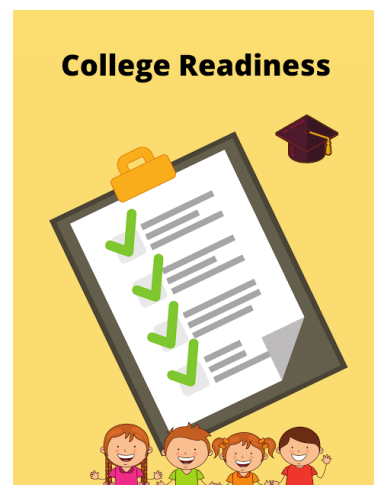
- **Critical thinking** and problem-solving skills.
- **Communication and collaboration** with diverse groups.
- **Leadership and initiative** through meaningful participation.
- **Global awareness** and respect for different cultures and perspectives.
- **Digital literacy**, including the responsible use of technology and AI.
- **Resilience** to learn from setbacks and embrace new challenges.

How can parents help? College readiness begins at home, long before university applications. Rather than adopting a last-minute, firefighting approach in Grade XII, parents can make the greatest impact by taking a proactive approach from the moment their child enters high school in Grade IX.

Parents can support their children by:

- Encouraging curiosity beyond the school curriculum.
- Discussing current affairs and emerging careers.
- Supporting participation in sports, arts, clubs, and community service.
- Allowing children to make age-appropriate decisions and learn from mistakes.
- Praising effort, perseverance, and growth—not just marks.

These everyday experiences help students become confident, independent learners who are prepared for higher education and life beyond it. As education becomes increasingly global, success will belong to students who can learn continuously, adapt confidently, and work effectively with people from different backgrounds. While strong academic performance remains essential, it is only one part of a student's



journey. Equally important are meaningful experiences and activities that reflect a student's holistic development, character, skills, and unique strengths.

Together, schools and parents can nurture well-rounded individuals who are not only ready for college admissions but are also prepared to thrive in higher education, meaningful careers, and as responsible global citizens.

With best wishes

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