

## Getting Boys on the College Prep Track

Many teen boys today struggle in the pursuit of high school graduation and college acceptance. Some are experiencing academic difficulties keeping up with coursework and mastering learning objectives. Others are distracted by questionable friends and peer influences. Students who fall behind can become depressed and demoralized, losing confidence in their academic abilities. Parents may become confused over the poor achievement of their intelligent sons and unsure about the best way to counter the problem and find reliable academic support.

### Enrolling in All-Male Boarding Schools

A promising solution is to enroll academically-challenged teens in an all-male college preparatory boarding school. A quality institution of this type can evaluate a student's individual learning style, taking into account their social and emotional needs, to provide a suitable, balanced academic environment. Instructors will help students discover their most productive means of understanding the course material and completing assignments correctly and on time.

### The Benefits of Prep Schools

[Independent prep schools](#) typically offer superior academic services and facilities, such as tutoring, counseling, a campus library, and computer access, which equip students with the necessary tools to engage in meaningful knowledge acquisition. Study areas and group commons for shared study are provided as well as auxiliary resources, including a cafeteria, a bookstore, and a student activities center. These arrangements allow students to live in an academically charged environment with numerous support services readily available.

As well as providing a structured learning environment, independent prep schools help to facilitate and monitor students' social opportunities through extracurricular activities and events. Through these events, clubs, and competitions, boys will be able to socialize with students who have similar academic goals or extracurricular interests.

Becoming accustomed to taking responsible for themselves helps teenagers to mature, preparing them for college life later on. At a college prep boarding school, students learn to plan for study time, seek help from available resources as needed, manage laundry and cleaning tasks, and take part in voluntary extracurricular activities. School personnel are available to serve as mentors during this time, providing guidance and assistance to ease these transitions.

Teenage boys who are unsuccessful in public school often do very well in an independent college prep school. The difference in structure between the two systems can have a stunning impact on a teenager's academic success and personal development. Parents concerned over their son's scholastic performance should consider how transferring to a prep school can help their child grow and improve.