

# **BUILDING A COLLEGE VOCABULARY**

Knowledge begins with language. Assisting younger students understand the concepts of “higher education,” “college,” “university,” “community college,” “public versus private institutions” needs to occur before high school. Use this activity to get your students to start thinking about college.

Each classroom teacher needs to complete the “Ask Me About It” sign (found here: [cdn.learnmoreindiana.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2019-Ask-Me-About-It-Poster-BLANK.pdf](https://cdn.learnmoreindiana.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/2019-Ask-Me-About-It-Poster-BLANK.pdf)) to put outside their classroom door. Then, follow up with a question and answer session. You can get the ball rolling by having questions on note cards for students to ask such as those written below. Older students should be encouraged to ask their own questions, too.

**How far from home  
was your school?**

**How did you decide  
what college to go to?**

**Were you nervous  
about going to college?**

**Who helped you  
apply to college?**