



10TH GRADE CHECKLIST

Fall (September - November)

- Evaluate your course load and make sure you are meeting the 'A-G' requirements.
- Review your transcript and understand the difference between your weighted and unweighted GPA.
- Increase your commitment to extracurricular activities so you stand out on your college applications.
- Create a college calendar to keep track of important dates and deadlines.
- Become familiar with college planning and the admissions process so you'll know what to expect before college.
- Register for and take the PSAT and/or ACT Practice tests. *Please note that some universities/colleges no longer require these tests.*
- Added College Rep visits on campus/virtual.

Winter (December - February)

- Create your standardized testing plan and take the tests you're ready for.
- Discover unique ways on how to organize your college prep activities.
- Start your college essay prep by writing often now, so you can reap the benefits later.
- Capitalize on college planning resources and learn more about colleges and universities.
- Take a career assessment to see if your interests align with your potential college major.

Spring (March - June)

- Consult with your counselor to make sure you're prepped for your junior year classes.
- Expand your knowledge about prospective schools by attending college fairs and information sessions.
- Prepare for your AP Exams (if taking one).
- Find volunteer activities that are good for you and your career interests.
- Consider summer school courses if any of your classes need to be remediated.

Summer

- Talk with your family about creating a college budget.
- Millions of dollars in scholarships goes unclaimed every year. Start researching the various scholarships available.
- Enroll in an ACT or SAT prep class over the summer while you have free time. *Please note that some universities/colleges no longer require these tests. Visit their websites for up-to-date requirements.*
- Visit college campuses to see which types of schools' appeal to you.
- Continue updating your journal with awards, test scores, and activities.