



# 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CHECKLIST

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## Fall (September - November)

- Start your junior year off by registering for the PSAT &/or ACT Practice test.
- Feeling overwhelmed about college applications next year? Contact your counselor to organize your testing strategies and college plan.
- Explore colleges by taking a deeper look at schools by regions, sizes and academic specialties.
- Research college costs and tuition at different types of schools.
- Narrow your college list to 10 to 20 schools that interest you.
- Keep your stress level low by creating an organization system for all your college documents.
- It's not too late to get involved. Pick an extracurricular activity (or two) and jump right in!

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## Winter (December - February)

- Study hard! Junior year grades will say a lot about your academic performance.
- Worried about taking the SAT or ACT? Create a test prep plan.
- Millions of dollars in scholarships goes unclaimed every year. Start researching the various scholarships available.
- Refine your choices of colleges by comparing and contrasting schools.
- Attend college fairs.

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## Spring (March - June)

- Take the SAT or ACT. *Please note that some universities/colleges no longer require these tests. Visit their websites for up-to-date requirements.*
- Beat the Letter of Recommendation rush by asking your teachers before everyone else does.
- Become familiar with admissions requirements at colleges/universities.
- It will be a big summer for college preparation. Get started on your college essay.
- Prepare for your AP Exams.
- Sign up of summer school if you need to remediate any class.
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## Summer

- Continue to work on your college essay.
- If you need to take the SAT or ACT, study for the test. *Please note that some universities/colleges no longer require these tests. Visit their websites for up-to-date requirements.*
- Begin gathering information you will need to complete the financial aid application in the fall.
- Schedule your first round of college visits.