

11th Grade Checklist

Make Sure You're Taking The Right Classes

Set up a meeting with your school counselor. Have specific questions prepared. Consider taking additional credits in specific subject areas if you have a career goal in mind. Continue to explore the dual credit courses being offered.

Keep Your Grades Up

The grades you're earning right now will impact your options next year. A solid GPA could mean more opportunities for you. Stay focused and ask for help if you need it.

Do More Than School

Participate in extracurricular activities and/or clubs in your school or community. Community service projects are also a great way to show colleges or future employers that you're willing to contribute, give back, and be a part of the community you're involved in. Find something you can be passionate about and do it!

Research College Institutions / Training Schools

Whether you're heading to a four year college or a professional/technical training school or the military, start researching now. List college features that interest you. Find out when college representatives visit your school. Make a file to manage your college / post-secondary search materials / put dates in your calendar. Attending College & Career Fairs is a great way to explore the many options!

Plan for the SAT and/or ACT

Prepare yourself for the test by using a study guide and taking online practice tests at www.satpractice.org or www.act.org so that you are comfortable with the format, types of questions, and content areas you'll be tested on. Hint: a great way to study for the SAT is to look over your PSAT questions and answers, which you received back your sophomore year. Your school will administer the SAT exam in April for all juniors.

Visit College Campuses or Career Training Schools or Job Shadow

Make plans to visit the schools or training programs that are most appealing to you. Get a feel of what's the best fit for you. It's best to go when classes are in session. Interview or spend a day shadowing someone in your career interest to see what a typical day in that job would look like.

Get Organized for Senior Year

Create a resume of high school activities and accomplishments, then update as needed. Think of what you can do this summer to build your skills and add to resume. Consider a part time job or volunteer experience in your field of interest. Create a personal email that's professional and can be given to teachers or employers or colleges. Get into the habit of checking your email.

Start Researching Scholarship Options

Understand the process and investigate options and opportunities that make sense for you.