



High School Planning Checklist

For 10th grade students

EXPLORE

✓ Explore colleges and careers.

- Explore different occupations that match your interests.
- Make a list of colleges that interest you. Confirm that they have the program or major that match your interests.
- Research admissions requirements.
- Take a virtual campus tour or visit a campus with
- Attend a nearby college fair.

✓ Learn about paying for college.

- Learn about financial aid and attend workshops with your family.
- Explore the different costs and net prices of colleges.
- Set up and regularly contribute to a college savings account.
- Search for local scholarships that you can apply for.

PLAN

✓ Take challenging classes.

- Challenge yourself with honors or advanced classes.
- Explore ways to earn college credit while you're still in high school.
- Take a full schedule of classes.
- Set goals for the year.
- Attend all your classes and turn in all assignments.
- Ask for help and use online resources.

✓ Practice good study skills.

- Use a planner or calendar.
- Get enough sleep.
- Update your file of important documents.
- Prepare for college admission tests by taking practice tests or the PSAT 10.

ENGAGE

✓ Get involved.

- Try something new!
- Get involved in school and community activities.
- Volunteer in your community.
- Make a plan for summer.
- Find a mentor – a parent, teacher, counselor, coach, other trusted adult or older student that you can talk to.

✓ Make good choices.

- Choose to hang out with friends that share positive goals and interests.
- Be safe online and on your phone.
- Avoid risky behaviors like drinking, doing drugs, and having unprotected sex.
- Be kind; treat others with respect.