

FOR STUDENTS 10TH GRADE CHECKLIST



ACHIEVE

Do well in school.

- Set goals for the year.
- Go to all of your classes.
- Discover how you learn best.
- Ask for help and use online resources.
- Turn in all assignments.
- Practice communication skills.

Take the right classes.

- Challenge yourself with advanced classes.
- Explore ways to earn college credit now.
- Plan to take math all 4 years in HS.
- Take a foreign/world language if offered.
- Take a full schedule of classes.

Get organized.

- Use a planner or calendar.
- Practice good study habits.
- Update your file of important documents.

Prepare for college admission tests.

- Take the PSAT 10 or ACT ASPIRE test.
- Review your scores with your counselor.

ENGAGE

Get involved.

- Continue participating in school and community activities.
- Volunteer in your community.
- Make a plan for summer.

Spend time with good people.

- Choose to hang out with friends that share positive goals and interests.
- Find a mentor – a parent, teacher, counselor, coach, other trusted adult, or older student that you can talk to.

Make good choices.

- Be safe online and on your phone.
- Avoid risky behaviors like drinking, doing drugs and having sex.
- Be kind; treat others with respect.

EXPLORE

Explore colleges and careers.

- Continue exploring different occupations that match your interests.
- Review what is most important to you in a college.
- Make a list of colleges that interest you.
- Confirm that they have the program or major for your chosen career.
- Research admission requirements.
- Visit a college campus that you haven't been to yet.
- Explore colleges online.
- Attend a nearby college fair.

Learn about paying for college.

- You can afford college. Learn about financial aid and attend workshops.
- Explore the different costs of college.
- Complete the FAFSA4Caster.
- Explore the net prices of colleges.
- Set up and regularly contribute to a college savings account.
- Look into matched savings accounts.
- Search and apply for scholarships.

