



11th Grade

COLLEGE PLANNING

As a college bound junior, there's a lot you need to do this year to plan and prepare for college. To achieve your college goals, do the following and stay focused. The future is yours!

Strengthen your academic record. Take college prep courses and get the best grades possible. *The stronger your high school academic record, the more college options you'll have.*

What can you do this year to strengthen your academic record? _____

Be involved in meaningful activities. Colleges are looking for students who are active and involved in their school and community.

What activities/interests will you pursue this year?

Make a testing plan. Many juniors take the PSAT/NMSQT in October and the ACT and/or SAT in the spring. Visit act.org and collegeboard.org for information. Questions? See your counselor.

What tests will you take? When will you take them?

- PSAT/NMSQT _____
- ACT _____
- SAT _____
- Other _____

Determine your criteria. Knowing what's important to you in a college will help you find a college that's a good fit for you.

What are you looking for in a college?

Type of college: 2-year 4-year

Size: small medium large

Location: close to home in my home state
other _____

Additional criteria (e.g., a specific major or activity)

To search for the colleges that meet your criteria, go to bigfuture.collegeboard.org.

Think about a major. Your major is the subject you will study in-depth. Think about your abilities, talents, and interests in terms of possible majors.

What major(s) are you considering? _____

Schedule college visits. Visiting a college is the best way to find out if it will be a good fit for you. Think of the colleges you would like to visit and check their websites for visitation options.

Which college(s) would you like to visit? _____

Talk to your counselor. Meet with your counselor to go over your academic record and discuss your college plans.

To learn about the differences between high school and college, watch this short video.

