

# 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

## “TO DO LIST”

Students:	Parents:
<b>All Year</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Review “Every Year in High School” checklist. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore careers and their earning potential in the <i>Occupational Outlook Handbook</i> at <a href="http://www.bls.gov/oco">www.bls.gov/oco</a> . <input type="checkbox"/> If you have changed your mind about what you want from a college, be sure to meet with your schools college and career office and update your Naviance profile. <input type="checkbox"/> Go to college fairs and college-preparation presentations by college representatives.	<input type="checkbox"/> Review “Every Year in High School” checklist. <input type="checkbox"/> Take another look at your financial situation, and be sure you’re on the right track to pay for college. <input type="checkbox"/> Talk to your child about the schools he or she is considering. Ask why those schools appeal to your child, and help him or her clarify goals and priorities. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend college fairs with your child, but don’t take over the conversation with the college representative. Just listen, and let your child do the talking.
<b>Fall</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Take your child to visit college campuses, preferably when classes are in session.
<input type="checkbox"/> Register for Dual Enrollment courses by the end of September. <input type="checkbox"/> Take the PSAT/NMSQT.* You must take the test in 11 <sup>th</sup> grade to qualify for scholarships and programs associated with the National Merit Scholarship Program.	<b>To Explore:</b>
<b>Spring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Get in-depth information on federal student aid programs at <a href="http://studentaid.ed.gov">studentaid.ed.gov</a>.</li> <li>Contact the Admissions office of schools your student is interested in attending. Ask about Admission criteria and how they handle Dual Enrollment and AP credits.</li> <li>Help your child create or update an extracurricular resume. This could be requested by colleges and scholarship applications.</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> Some Dual Enrollment courses begin in February. Check your schedule and talk to your counselor to be certain you don’t miss registration deadlines. <input type="checkbox"/> Register for and take exams for college admission. Check with the colleges you are interested in to see which tests they require. <input type="checkbox"/> Find scholarships for which you might want to apply. Some deadlines fall as early as the summer between 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> grades, so prepare now to submit applications soon.	
<b>*Remember:</b> Register for all tests in advance and be sure to give yourself time to prepare appropriately! If you have difficulty paying a registration fee, see your school counselor about getting a fee waiver.	
<b>To Explore:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visit <a href="http://studentaid.ed.gov">studentaid.ed.gov</a> and click the “Types of Aid” link. The scholarship search tool will help you connect with money available for college.</li> <li>Learn how avoid being scammed by clicking the “Avoiding scams” link.</li> <li>Be extra cautious when entering your personal information on applications and websites. Ask you parents or school counselor for assistance.</li> </ul>	