



### Students

#### *All Year*

- Review “Every Year in High School” checklist.
- Explore careers and their earning potential in the *Occupational Outlook Handbook* at [www.bls.gov/ooh/](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/)
- If you have changed your mind about what you want from a college, be sure to meet with your school’s college and career office and update your Naviance profile.
- Go to college fairs and college-preparation presentations by college representatives.

#### *Fall*

- Register for Dual Enrollment courses by the end of September.
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT\* You must take the test in 11th grade to qualify for scholarships and programs associated with the National Merit Scholarship Program.

#### *Spring*

- Some Dual Enrollment courses begin in February. Check your schedule and talk to your counselor to be certain you don’t miss registration deadlines.
- Register for and take exams for college admission. Check with the colleges you are interested in to see which tests they require.
- Find scholarships for which you might want to apply. Some deadlines fall as early as the summer between 11th and 12th grades, so prepare now to submit applications soon.

*\*Remember: 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.*

#### *To Explore*

- Visit [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov) and click the “Types of Aid” link. The scholarship search tool will help you connect with money available for college.
- Learn how avoid being scammed by clicking the “Avoiding scams” link.
- Be extra cautious when entering your personal information on applications and websites. Ask your parents or school counselor for assistance.

### Parents

- Review “Every Year in High School” checklist.
- Take another look at your financial situation, and be sure you’re on the right track to pay for college.
- 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.
- 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.
- Take your child to visit college campuses, preferably when classes are in session.

#### *To Explore*

- Get in-depth information on federal student aid programs at [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov).
- 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.
- Help your child create or update an extracurricular resume. This could be requested by colleges and scholarship applications.

