

10TH GRADE COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE



STAY ON TRACK WITH YOUR COURSES

Work with your guidance counselor to make sure you're enrolled in the courses that will prepare you for college or a career. Move on to the next level of classes in the core subjects (English, math, science, history, and a foreign language). You can also discuss your PSAT® scores and ask about Advanced Placement (AP®) courses.



TAKE ON NEW ROLES

Stay involved with your extracurricular activities and work toward leadership positions in the activities you like best.



TAKE A PRACTICE PSAT®

Taking the PSAT® as a sophomore will help prepare you for the real thing next year. It also releases your name to colleges so you can start receiving brochures from them.



READ AND WRITE

Developing your reading and writing skills will help prepare you for tests, and more importantly develop your critical thinking skills. Read as many books and periodicals as you can and stay up to date with current affairs by following news sites. You'll also need good writing skills, so find a teacher or another adult who can advise you and foster your writing.



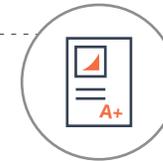
GET A SUMMER JOB AND SAVE YOUR \$\$\$

Finding steady summer work will look good to prospective colleges and employers. Putting the money you earn away for college in a 529 plan will help you get a head start on college savings.



START YOUR COLLEGE SEARCH

Use our college search tools to decide what factors are important to you and see a list of colleges and programs that match your criteria. Attend college fairs and read the material you get from all types of schools. It's especially important to start this process now if you think you want to attend a military academy.



KEEP YOUR GRADES UP

There's probably a lot competing for your attention, but the most important thing is to remain focused on doing well in your classes. Remember that your grades affect your GPA and class rank.