College Prep Checklist

Junior Year

Your junior year is the time to fine tune your classes and grades. Sharpen your test taking skills. Narrow down your college and career choices. By staying on top of things this year, you'll find your senior year could be a little less stressful.

Students

- ☐ Meet with your guidance counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and meet all necessary requirements for graduation, academic rigor and college admissions.
- ☐ Continue to explore career options, how much education you'll need and the earning potential.
- ☐ Continue to research colleges and what you should look for to make sure you find a good fit. As you look at potential schools, visit their websites and find their net price calculators. These tools can help determine the true cost of attending that specific college.
- ☐ Go to a PROBE College Fair. If your school has a financial aid night, be sure to attend.
- ☐ Take the PSAT/NMSQT to qualify for scholarships and programs associated with the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- ☐ Register for and take exams like the SAT, SAT Subject Test, and the ACT for college admission. Check for free test prep classes in your area.
- ☐ Start drafting essays to use for scholarships and college admissions applications.
- ☐ Search for scholarships you may be eligible for to help pay for college on **GAfutures**, as well as through your guidance counselor, community, family and friends.
- ☐ Schedule campus visits or contact colleges you are interested in attending to request information about financial aid, admission requirements, applications and deadlines.

11th Grade Checklist

Parents, you have things to do, too!

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Parents

- ☐ Talk to your child about the colleges they are considering and help clarify goals and priorities.
- ☐ As your child narrows the college search, check out the net price calculator and the true cost of attendance for each college. The comparison tool at **consumerfinance.gov** is another helpful resource to compare college costs and financial aid offers.
- ☐ Attend events like PROBE College Fairs and visit college campuses. Let your child do most of the talking.
- ☐ Review your financial situation and make sure you're planning for the cost of college appropriately.
- ☐ Make sure your child is searching for local and national scholarships. Ask your employer whether any scholarships are available for the children of employees.



Visit the *College Planning* section of GAfutures for additional information on preparing for college.

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