

11TH GRADE COLLEGE PLAN



Junior year is when things start to happen. Here's a guide to get started.

FALL

- Talk to your counselor and evaluate your options: a technical program, two-year, four-year, military?
- Start researching careers using the resources on page 12.
- Make a list of colleges you'd like to attend and start scheduling college visits. Use the Campus Visit Checklist on page 24.
- Take the PSAT.
- Start a folder documenting your high school activities, awards and achievements.
- Keep your grades up.

WINTER

- Study for the ACT/SAT. Research the test requirements of the colleges you hope to apply to.
- Start looking at college costs.
- Check with your college counseling office for scholarship opportunities.

SPRING

- Look for new extracurricular activities or leadership opportunities with clubs and teams you already belong to.
- Take the ACT/SAT. See page 28 for test dates and registration deadlines.
- Start planning for summer. Look for work experience: a summer job, internship or job shadowing, or special learning opportunities on college campuses.
- Look for scholarships.

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You're a senior! You've got this. But just in case, use this guide to stay on track.

FALL

- Review and update your high school graduation plan. Focus on where you hope to be in a year. College? Military? An apprenticeship? Make a list of the places you will apply.
- Make a master list of all you need to accomplish, including important dates for tests, registration deadlines, college application deadlines, scholarships, and graduation.
- Take the SAT/ACT one more time, if needed. Be sure to have your scores sent to the colleges you're applying to. See page 28 for test dates and registration deadlines.
- Stay in contact with your college counseling office. Make sure your transcripts are sent to the colleges you are applying to.
- Keep your grades up,
- Apply to college, early, when possible.
- Ask teachers, counselors and coaches for recommendations.
- 21st Century Scholars:** Complete your requirements. Log in to your ScholarTrack account to complete the Scholar Success Program requirements in order to receive your scholarship. **ScholarTrack.in.gov**

WINTER

- Make another push for scholarships.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and file the FAFSA online by the state's April 15 deadline.



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SPRING

- Keep your grades and activities up—colleges and scholarship committees will want to see your best efforts through graduation.
- Make final campus visits, if necessary, to make your decision.
- Apply for housing and schedule orientation.
- If you haven't already, inform colleges of your plans by May 1. Talk to your counselor if you have questions.
- Take your AP exams.
- Review your financial aid awards with your school counselor. Ask the college financial aid office for more information if needed.
- Celebrate! You did it.

HELP! WHERE TO GO ON CAMPUS

Admissions office: helps students apply and enroll.

Academic affairs: typically oversees all academic-related issues, including academic advising.

Bursar's office: in charge of billing and collecting tuition and fees.

Financial aid office: responsible for determining students' financial need and awarding financial aid.

Registrar's office: in charge of registering students; managing records, such as schedules, transcripts and student information for current and past students; as well as providing educational support services, including dropping or adding classes.

Student affairs: oversees a wide range of programs and services to support students in their college experience, including student activities, student government, housing, counseling services and more.

Teaching assistant (TA): an upper-level or graduate student who assists an instructor with a course; TAs often help teach the course, lead discussion sections and grade papers.

Resident advisor or assistant (RA): an upper-level, trained student leader who supervises a specific residence hall or section of a residence hall; RAs are trained to counsel students, answer questions and offer advice about college.

HOW HARD IS COLLEGE?

"Classes are harder in college; the majority of your grades come from a few exams and a large assignment. In high school, regularly completing homework in your classes can keep your grades high even if you don't do as well on tests, but that won't work when you get to college. There's no way around it—you'll need to learn how to study in high school to be set up for a good college career.

"A good rule to follow is to spend two hours of study time for every hour you spend in class per week. For instance, for a course that's two hours per week in the classroom, plan for four hours of studying or working on assignments.

"It's also smart to make a daily schedule and commit to it. A well-planned weekly routine will help you get your studying done with the time to enjoy breaks. Try turning off your phone and other devices while you're studying, and find a quiet place where others aren't likely to disturb you, whether that's your house, the library or somewhere else."



— "Forming Good Study Habits," Learn More Indiana



Want more college success tips?

Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/college/preparing-for-college/

TAKE THE ACT OR SAT



Students who qualify for free or reduced lunch can also take the SAT and ACT for free. Ask your school counselor for more information.

2019–2020 ACT

Test Date	Registration Deadline
September 14, 2019	August 16, 2019
October 26, 2019	September 20, 2019
December 14, 2019	November 8, 2019
February 8, 2020	January 10, 2020
April 4, 2020	February 28, 2020
June 13, 2020	May 8, 2020
July 18, 2020	June 19, 2020

Learn more about the ACT at act.org.

2019–2020 SAT

Test Date	Registration Deadline
August 24, 2019	July 24, 2019
October 5, 2019	September 5, 2019
November 2, 2019	October 2, 2019
December 7, 2019	November 7, 2019
March 14, 2020	February 13, 2020
May 2, 2020	April 2, 2020
June 6, 2020	May 6, 2020

Learn more about the SAT at collegeboard.org.