



11TH GRADE CHECKLIST

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11th Grade - Semester 1

This semester is about college research and identifying (or narrowing down) your major choice. This will also be a big semester for test prep, so be sure to budget your time, and be aware of registration deadlines.

- Discuss your **Testing Plans** with your consultant (based on practice ACT/SAT) and **register** before the due date.
- Seek out **test prep** that concludes within the week of your scheduled test.
- Plan for **college visits** to at least one **safety, target** and **reach** school.
- Attend **college fairs** whenever possible.
- Reach out to **admissions officers** to ask questions. Demonstrate interest by receiving college newsletters, signing up for mailing lists, and following schools on social media.
- Identify areas of leadership within **extracurricular activities**.
- Attend the **CAREER LAB** if you haven't already and **EXPLORE MAJORS** of interest!
- Research colleges from your **Dynamic List** and begin to add them to your **Balanced List** where appropriate.

11th Grade - Semester 2

*Aim for narrowing down your balanced college list this semester to 6-8 schools. Plan to attend the **Activities List Lab** and **Main Essay Lab**, too! Most of the same items from Semester 1 carry over to this semester as well.*

- Meet with your **college/career counselor** at least once (check graduation progress and ask questions about 12th grade coursework)
- Discuss **12th grade course selection** with your consultant
- Continue and revise **Testing Plans**
- Make **summer plans** that relate to your major and demonstrate academic curiosity (MOOCs, summer jobs, internships, volunteer work, classes, etc.)
- Create a **Common App profile** if you haven't already
- Attend the **ACTIVITIES LIST LAB** and begin wording for common app
- Attend **MAIN ESSAY LAB** and begin drafting your main essay
- Work on **Brag Sheet** and **Expanded Resume** (if applying to UT Austin)
- In May, ask two core subject teachers for **verbal commitment on letters of recommendation**.
- Get a copy of your **unofficial transcript**.

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All Grade Level Action Items

- Create a professional email account** just for college, career, and scholarship opportunities (firstnamelastnamegraduationyear@gmail.com).
- Meet with your college/career counselor** at least once (See Student Success Binder (SSB) Counselor Meet & Greet Handout).
- Explore individual interests** and possible careers.
- Create a **Scholar Vitae & Resume** (See Content Vault).
- Understand your **Student Aid Index (SAI)** & Net Price Calculators.
- Attend **college visits** and **information sessions**.
- Attend **College Research Lab**.
- Attend **Career Exploration Lab**.

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