

High School Planning Checklist

For 10th grade students

EXPLORE

✓ Explore colleges and careers.

- ☐ Explore different occupations that match your interests.
- ☐ Make a list of colleges that interest you. Confirm that they have the program or major that match your interests.
- ☐ Research admissions requirements.
- ☐ Take a virtual campus tour or visit a campus with
- ☐ Attend a nearby college fair.

✓ Learn about paying for college.

- ☐ Learn about financial aid and attend workshops with your family.
- ☐ Explore the different costs and net prices of colleges.
- ☐ Set up and regularly contribute to a college savings account.
- ☐ Search for local scholarships that you can apply for.

PLAN

✓ Take challenging classes.

- ☐ Challenge yourself with honors or advanced classes.
- ☐ Explore ways to earn college credit while you're still in high school.
- ☐ Take a full schedule of classes.
- ☐ Set goals for the year.
- ☐ Attend all your classes and turn in all assignments.
- ☐ Ask for help and use online resources.

✓ Practice good study skills.

- ☐ Use a planner or calendar.
- ☐ Get enough sleep.
- ☐ Update your file of important documents.
- ☐ Prepare for college admission tests by taking practice tests or the PSAT 10.

ENGAGE

✓ Get involved.

- ☐ Try something new!
- ☐ Get involved in school and community activities.
- ☐ Volunteer in your community.
- ☐ Make a plan for summer.
- ☐ Find a mentor – a parent, teacher, counselor, coach, other trusted adult or older student that you can talk to.

✓ Make good choices.

- ☐ Choose to hang out with friends that share positive goals and interests.
- ☐ Be safe online and on your phone.
- ☐ Avoid risky behaviors like drinking, doing drugs, and having unprotected sex.
- ☐ Be kind; treat others with respect.