

# College and Career Preparation: 10TH GRADE

**Fall:** Take the PLAN test. All 10th grade students take it during the school day. It will indicate if a student is meeting benchmarks for college readiness and academic progress. This test helps a student determine:

- If he or she is on track their basic skills
- If a student expects to the score he or she wants on the ACT (which is taken in 11th grade)
- Future high school courses that will help you to continue in college preparedness
- Suggestions for improving academic success

**Winter:** Discuss PLAN results with your counselor – specifically:

- future high school courses
- assessing basic skills
- predicting success in AP classes
- discussing career possibilities and college planning
- update your plan for high school and after high school

★ In your 10th grade Personal Wellness class, you will do a major career unit and learn about careers and college choices using MCIS and the Career Resource Center. You can discuss what you learned with your counselor.

[mncis.intocareers.org](http://mncis.intocareers.org)

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**Spring:** As you approach summer, think of some careers and colleges that you will look into over the summer. Review the college/career planning steps for 11th grade – junior year is a big year and you'll want to stay on top of your deadlines and decisions.

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# College and Career Preparation: Every Year

Take the most challenging classes you can handle and keep focused on your school work.

Most colleges require 4 years of English and math, 3 years of social studies and science, and many require 2 years of a world language.

Be involved in school or community activities that you enjoy.

Consider working or volunteering to create a strong résumé. Some places of employment have tuition reimbursement options.

Remember it's important not to overdo it. It is better to have experiences that are of value to you. You can't do it all, so choose carefully.

Enroll in a summer program: See your counselor for a list of options.

Keep track of your academic, athletic, work and volunteering along with other achievements – you need this information when you build your résumé.

Talk to family, teachers and mentors about their career path and high school success.

Keep your grades up to attain the highest GPA possible. All of your grades count towards your cumulative GPA.

Review your graduation planner and transcript for accuracy and to make sure you are on track to graduate.

Know what is required for high school graduation.

