

11th Grade Checklist

- ✓ **Verify you are on-track for graduation and your diploma type.**
 - Talk with your counselor to verify your credits and academic progress. Know which diploma you are earning, the graduation requirements needed, and how you plan to complete all portions of Graduation Pathways.
- ✓ **Research post-secondary schools.**
 - Utilize **NAVIANCE** to research colleges, majors, and careers, to obtain scholarship and financial aid information, and to keep up on important news and information provided by the Guidance office
 - Brainstorm characteristics that are important to you (i.e. location, academic majors, public vs. private, etc.) in a post-secondary school. Take advantage of the **College SuperMatch** feature in **NAVIANCE**.
 - Know the admission requirements to the colleges you are interested in attending. Determine if there are specific requirements for the academic programs that interest you. Check out the **scattergrams** section in **NAVIANCE** to see how you compare to past Avon students who applied to a particular college or university.
- ✓ **Plan a college visit**
 - Research various colleges and institutions that interest you. Visit during school breaks or the summer - you are allowed 2 college visit days during Junior Year.
 - Complete a "College/Military Visit" form and turn it in to student services 5 school days prior to your scheduled visit. If you intend to go on a college visit during the school day. These forms can be obtained in Student Services, both Guidance Offices, on the Guidance website, or via **NAVIANCE**.
 - Take a copy of your transcript with you on your visit. This is a great opportunity to get some feedback firsthand from admission representatives regarding your credentials.
- ✓ **Attend local and national college and career fairs.**
 - This is a great opportunity to meet with college representatives and receive info on vocational and trade schools, colleges and universities, apprenticeship programs, etc.
 - Look for updates posted on Schoology and for flyers in the Guidance offices for specific info regarding college and career fairs. Scan the QR code to the right for more details.
- ✓ **Meet with college representatives.**
 - Visit college admission representatives who come to AHS during SRT. See the list and dates of the colleges and register for meetings via **NAVIANCE**.
- ✓ **Take college entrance exams.**
 - Juniors take the **PSAT/NMSQT** on **Oct. 26** at AHS.
 - Juniors who score in the top percentage nationally can enter the competition for scholarships provided by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.
 - If you plan to attend a 4-year college or university, register to take the **SAT** and the **ACT**. (Students are advised to take both exams in the spring or summer of their junior year.)
 - For test dates, locations, and registration, visit www.sat.collegeboard.org for the SAT and www.actstudent.org for the ACT.
- ✓ **Create a challenging schedule for your senior year.**
 - Strive for success in your junior year, especially 2nd semester. The grades you earn junior year are the last set of grades a post-secondary institution admission representative will see.
 - Senior year is extremely important! Colleges will look for rigorous and challenging 12th grade coursework. Take courses that will challenge you and prepare you for college coursework.
 - Come prepared to your senior pre-enrollment meeting during 2nd semester. Have a list of the courses you want to take and utilize the **Program of Studies**. Be prepared to discuss your post-secondary plans with your senior counselor.
- ✓ **Participate in extra-curricular activities.**
 - Colleges will ask what, if any, activities you have been involved in throughout high school. Ask your counselor about different clubs and organizations that you can become involved in at school. Start looking for summer jobs, internships, volunteer opportunities, etc.
- ✓ **Scan the QR code below to visit our website and to obtain additional information for upcoming college and career fairs and for SAT/ACT dates**
