



## ***11th GRADE***

### ***Post-Secondary Planning Checklist***

#### **Testing: Required:**

STAAR End-of-Course Exam: U.S. History

#### **Strongly Recommended:**

ACT, SAT, or TSIA-2

School Day testing in the Spring

#### **August**

- Check to see that you are scheduled for the correct courses.
- Know your college entry test scores, rank and GPA.

#### **September**

- Obtain the catalogs/brochures from the technical/vocational/business schools and colleges/universities which interests you.
- Match Technical, Vocational, and Business School programs, Two Year Degree, and Four Year Degree options to your career interests to make informed decisions.
- Plan for college bound testing: 4 year schools typically require SAT/ACT. 2 year schools require TSIA.

#### **October**

- Attend the College Fair/Career Night and learn about the different colleges and universities.

#### **November**

- Meet with your campus career/college center advisor.
- Keep your grades up and stay involved.

#### **December**

- Know your GPA and how it is calculated.
- For student athletes interested in playing collegiate sports, enroll in NCAA. See your coach/counselor.

#### **January**

- Begin planning your personal essays for college and scholarship applications..
- Register for the SAT or ACT to take in the Spring School Day at COHS or on a Sat). Ask about fee waivers from your counselor if you are taking the test on a Saturday.
- Practice to improve your SAT scores using Schmoop and Khan Academy or other free online programs.

#### **February**

- Ask for verification of community service and keep it in your portfolio/folder.

- \_\_\_ Complete the Course Selection Sheet for your senior year classes; consider Dual Credit or AP.
- \_\_\_ Take the School Day College Entry Exam offered to all juniors (SAT/ACT/TSIA-2).
- \_\_\_ Take the ASVAB.
- \_\_\_ Research entry requirements of universities/colleges of your choice.

### **March**

- \_\_\_ Determine colleges for your Reach, Target and Safe School list.
- \_\_\_ If possible, visit the colleges that most interest you. You may use two college days your Junior Year.
- \_\_\_ If enrolled in a CTE Program of Study course, ensure you are taking the aligned Industry Certification.

### **April**

- \_\_\_ Check that your graduation requirements are in order.
- \_\_\_ Do your best on college bound testing: SAT/ACT/TSIA. Determine if you want to retest.

### **May**

- \_\_\_ Do your best on state assessments/STAAR/EOC and AP Testing.
- \_\_\_ Consider retaking SAT/ACT for better scores; Remember to select the colleges to receive your scores during registration.
- \_\_\_ Review your graduation plan and academic record to ensure that you are on track for graduation.

### **June**

- \_\_\_ Visit the colleges you are interested in attending.
- \_\_\_ Become familiar with the district website resources so you can research college and career information: Texas Gear Up. Texas On Course. Texas Reality Check. Major Clarity.
- \_\_\_ Work on college admission essays.
- \_\_\_ The high school transcript you receive at the end of your junior year is the one you will use for college applications. You will receive your transcript in the mail.
- \_\_\_ Update your resume and log of volunteer activities.
- \_\_\_ Check your portfolio and make sure you have your records in order with SAT and/or ACT scores, essays, resume, record of your volunteer work, and record of your employment (if applicable).
- \_\_\_ Begin to research scholarship opportunities on web sites, and in your campus Counselor's Suite.