

# 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Milestones

## Activity

Check all that you have accomplished so far.

## Actions

- Continue to visit college and career-related campuses or events
- Volunteer in your community or school regularly
- Attend THEC “Path to College” College Planning Nights
- Prepare to take the ACT or SAT (e.g., take a preparation course, take a practice test, use free resources online, etc.)
- Do a practice job interview with a family member, adult mentor, or a professional in your field of interest
- Continue to participate in school and student organizations and take on leadership roles and/or increased responsibility
- Organize and lead volunteer activities
- Update your resume to include your work, volunteer experiences, honors, or skills that you’ve acquired since last school year
- Schedule a meeting with your school counselor to discuss details of the postsecondary application process, how to choose a program of study, and how to identify postsecondary institutions that could be a “fit”
- Continue to have conversations with trusted teachers, family members, or other adult mentors to talk through your college and career interests
- Cultivate relationships with teachers who may write letters of recommendation for postsecondary, sharing with them your aspirations and asking them for feedback on how to ensure that you are best prepared for postsecondary
- Complete and pass early postsecondary opportunities (dual credit, dual enrollment, AP, IB, Cambridge)
- Research and apply for postsecondary scholarship opportunities
- Develop a list of postsecondary opportunities according to your academic and career interests
- Take the ACT or SAT
- Participate in a meaningful summer experience such as employment, an internship, or postsecondary preparation (e.g., pre-college summer camp, computer coding camp, job related to your CTE concentration)
- Write a draft of a college essay, personal statement, or cover letter, and get feedback from a teacher, counselor, or college access professional
- Identify two or three teachers who you think would write you a letter of recommendation for postsecondary and talk to them before the end of the school year

## Knowledge

- I understand the major components of the postsecondary application process including admission, financial aid, and choosing a major, concentration, or certification
- I understand the difference between scholarships, loans, and grant aid
- I understand the importance of rigorous coursework in preparing me for success in postsecondary
- I know where the counselor posts scholarship opportunities
- I know how to request a transcript for a summer program, job, internship, or scholarship applications
- I understand the importance of the ACT or SAT and that I can retake either exam in my senior year
- I understand this is an important summer to get a job or internship, apply for a summer academic program, or explore a passion or interest related to my college and career interests before applying to postsecondary