

11th Grade Planning Checklist

- Start with you- Make lists of your interests, abilities, personal qualities, and experiences. List things you may want to do or study after high school. Research careers aligned with those interests and goals.
- Learn about colleges (2 year and 4 year), military, and career/technical training options. Attend College Night or other Career and Technology Fairs. Talk to military recruiters that visit campus.
- Take the PSAT again in October and/or sign up to take the ASVAB if you are interested in military service or to learn about possible career options that could fit your skills and areas of interest.
- Get organized- create an organization system to track your volunteer hours, extracurricular activities, college searches, scholarship searches, testing information, and deadlines.
- It's never too early to research scholarships. Start with <http://www.tinyurl.com/CFISDScholarshipInfo>
- Develop your list of schools you are interested in visiting or calling for more information. Find out their entrance requirements, application processes and deadlines, and cost.
- Prepare for your exams- AP if you are taking Advanced Placement classes, SAT and ACT, and ASVAB
- Meet with your counselor to discuss your post-secondary goals and the classes you need for graduation and beyond.
- Register for challenging courses that will help you fulfill your Flight Plan.
- Take the SAT in the spring. You can use Khan Academy to prepare for free online or go to satpractice.org. You will likely want to take the SAT and/or ACT more than once, so plan your testing dates in advance.

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During the summer before your senior year:

- Register on the NCAA Eligibility Center if you are an athlete planning to continue playing in college. ncaaclearinghouse.net
- Create a high school resume
- Get your FSA ID- Before you can complete the FAFSA, you will need to get a username and password, also known as the FSA ID. This is a new graduation requirement, and often financial aid can be used at both universities, community colleges, and trade schools.
- Find a job, intern, volunteer, or take a class.
- Visit colleges or trade schools.
- Identify and track application requirements and deadlines. Some universities offer early application and early decision opportunities.
- Revisit <http://www.tinyurl.com/CFISDScholarshipInfo> for scholarship opportunities updated monthly.
- Download applications from applytexas.org, commonapp.org, coalitionforcollegeaccess.org. See what information is needed for college application and which websites are preferred by the colleges to which you wish to apply.