

10th Grade Checklist

Sophomore year, you will want to stay on track with your high school classes and activities and begin to narrow down the plans for your future.

FALL

- **Sign up and take the PSAT**
 - Taking the PSAT as a sophomore will help you prepare for the real thing next year.
- **Stay on track with your courses**
 - Work with your school counselor to make sure you are enrolled in the courses you need to prepare you for college or to enter the workforce.
- **Begin learning about the college admissions process**
 - Get familiar with general college entrance requirements. The SchoolLinks is a great source of information.
- **Continue exploring potential careers**
 - Explore your career options in more detail - research possible careers to learn about the tasks, education, and training necessary for each occupation.

WINTER

- **Take on new roles**
 - Stay involved with your extracurricular activities and work toward leadership positions in the activities you like best. Become involved in community service and other volunteer activities.
- **Read, read, read**
 - Developing your reading skills will help prepare you for tests and make you a well-rounded individual. Read as many books as you can including articles on current events.
- **Practice your writing**
 - You will need good writing skills no matter what path you pursue, so work on those skills now to get prepared. Find a teacher or another adult who can advise and encourage you to write well.
- **Get advice from your counselor**
 - Meet with your school counselor to make sure that you are staying on track. You can also discuss your PSAT scores and ask about postsecondary enrollment options and Dual Credit courses.
- **TSIA2 Test**
 - If you are planning to take Dual Credit courses your junior year, you must register for and take the TSIA2 test. You can find more information on the TSIA2 Test in the Counselors' Office.

SPRING/SUMMER

- **Keep your grades up**
 - It is important to remain focused on doing well in your classes. Remember that your grades affect your GPA and class rank - two factors that colleges consider in the admissions process.
- **Start your college search**
 - Use college search tools to decide what factors are important to you and create a list of colleges that match your criteria. Attend college fairs and read the material you get from each college - you may see something that you like.
- **Consider getting a summer job**
 - Finding steady summer work will look good to prospective employers and colleges. Putting the money you earn away will also help you get a head start on a personal savings plan.