

# College and Career Planning Checklist—10th-Grade Tasks

Keep track of key steps to take during each grade of high school to help you plan for college and career. Find a digital checklist at [bigfuture.collegeboard.org/checklist](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/checklist).

## First Semester

<input type="checkbox"/>	Start a college list	There are many factors to consider when building your college list, such as campus size, location, and cost. Use BigFuture College Search to help you narrow down your search and create the right list for you.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Take the PSAT/NMSQT	If your school offers the PSAT/NMSQT to 10th graders, you'll take it in the fall. The PSAT/NMSQT measures the skills and knowledge that are most important to college and career success. It can help you learn your strengths and areas you need to improve so that you can stay on track.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Take the career quiz	It might feel early to start thinking about a career path, but now is a great time to start! Take an easy, 15-minute quiz to get matched with careers based on your likes and dislikes at <a href="https://bigfuture.org/careerquiz">bigfuture.org/careerquiz</a> .
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review your PSAT/NMSQT score	When your PSAT/NMSQT scores are ready, access your scores on the BigFuture School mobile app if you provided your mobile number on test day. You'll see details about where you excel or need to improve.
<input type="checkbox"/>	See if you'll do well in AP	If you've taken the PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, or PSAT/NMSQT, explore your likelihood to succeed in AP by using the AP Potential™ tool. Learn which AP courses you're ready for by reviewing your personalized list.

## Second Semester

<input type="checkbox"/>	Review AP courses to take next year	It's time to start planning for 11th grade. You'll work with your counselor, teachers, and/or parents to select courses.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Take the PSAT 10	If your school offers the PSAT 10, you'll take it in the spring. Taking the PSAT 10 is a great way to see how your knowledge and test-taking skills are progressing halfway through high school.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review your PSAT 10 score	Access your scores on BigFuture School if you provided your mobile number on test day. Be sure to check out your Career Insights Snapshot for information on careers in your state.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enter to win \$40K and \$500 BigFuture Scholarships	No essay, no minimum GPA or test score. No citizenship requirements. Just follow the steps for chances to win. The more steps you complete and the earlier you start, the more chances you have to win!

\*Complete checklist can be found at [bigfuture.collegeboard.org/checklist/10th-grade](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/checklist/10th-grade)