



College and Career Planning Checklist—11th-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.

First Semester

☐	Connect with colleges and scholarships	Want to hear from colleges and scholarship programs looking for students like you? Opt in to Student Search Service so they can contact you directly. You'll learn about campus life, scholarships, and financial aid.
☐	Attend college fairs	Attend college fairs and information sessions to learn more about different schools and their financial aid offerings.
☐	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.
☐	Explore scholarships	Discover scholarship opportunities from over 6,000 different programs and organizations. You can find matches based on your intended major, cultural background, and other factors.
☐	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 and where you need to improve.

Second Semester

☐	Meet with your school counselor.	Make an appointment to meet with your school counselor to learn about graduation requirements, the college application process, and other recommendations to help you plan for college and career.
☐	Review AP courses to take next year.	It's time to start planning for 12th grade. You'll work with your counselor, teachers, and/or parents to select courses.
☐	Plan to take the SAT.	Most students take the SAT for the first time in the spring of their junior year. Ask your counselor or principal if your school offers the SAT on a school day. If not, plan to register for it on a weekend. Take a full-length practice test in the Bluebook™ app.
☐	Learn about the FAFSA.	Familiarize yourself with the FAFSA® application process. The FAFSA determines your eligibility for federal aid and some state-based aid programs. Even if you don't think you'll qualify for financial aid, it's essential to submit the FAFSA.

*Complete checklist can be found at bigfuture.collegeboard.org/checklist/11th-grade