



Explore and RESEARCH YOUR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

*and after high school options
NOW!*

11th Grade

1. Continue using your PlusPortals account and updating your MASS CIS portfolio.
2. **Maintaining your grades during your junior year is important!** Colleges put a lot of weight on your marks for this year.
3. Sign up for your **Junior Interview** appointment with your School Guidance Counselor.
4. Continue to update and complete your 4 year plan.
5. **Check your transcript for accuracy and to make sure you are on track for graduation (minimum 155 credits starting with the class of 2016).** If you have failed a course, make sure you sign up for summer school or credit recovery.
6. **Continue to have good attendance and make sure you get to school on time.**
7. **Register for and take the PSAT test in the FALL of 11th grade.** Juniors-your score might qualify you for scholarships and recognition through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and the National Hispanic Recognition Program.
8. **Continue using My College QuickStart/Big Future on the College Board website: www.collegeboard.com**
9. **Develop of list of 15 or 20 colleges that attract you.**
10. Request viewbooks and information about financial aid and programs that interest you.
11. Sign up to visit with **College Admissions Representatives** in the guidance office.
12. Research possible **financial aid and scholarship opportunities** available to you senior year.
13. Attend **College Admissions night** at TFHS in the spring.



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14. Go on **college tours**. High School spring break is a good time to visit. Try to visit colleges near you and preferably when classes are in session.
15. Sign up for and attend the **Big E College Fair trip** in the **SPRING** of 11th grade.
16. **Volunteer** in your community, stay involved in **after-school activities** and seek **leadership** roles when possible. If you have room in your schedule, get a **part-time job**.
17. **Prepare** for the SAT and/or ACT tests. **FREE preparation is available for the SAT on khanacademy.org and for the ACT on the ACT website: www.actstudent.org/.**
18. **Register to take the SAT and/or ACT Test w/writing** in the **SPRING** of your 11th grade year. (**Most students take them as juniors and repeat them in the FALL of senior year**). Consult college websites to see which college admissions test they prefer. Note: some colleges are test optional – visit <http://fairtest.org/university/optional> for a list of test optional colleges.
19. Sign up to take **AP test(s)** in May and **SAT Subject test(s)** if applicable. **SAT Subject tests** are required by some colleges-consult college websites. SAT Subject tests are best taken close to the conclusion of a course.
20. **Sign up for Advanced Placement (AP) or Honors** classes in academic areas you do your best work in the 12th grade.
21. **Considering Dual Enrollment at Greenfield Community College (ETP & CDEP) as a senior? See your counselor for more information and the application process.**
22. Create a **resume** from your updated activity sheet (a summary of awards received and of activities you have been involved in both in and out of school during grades 9-12).
23. Start your **college admissions essay** (spring/summer) and **have it proofread**.
24. Make a list of teachers, counselors, employers, and other adults whom you might ask to write **letters of recommendation** for your college, scholarship and job applications. Ask them to write your letters before summer break. Give them your resume to help write your letter. Make sure you **HANDWRITE** a thank you note to all the letter writers and to all donors that awarded you scholarships.
25. **If you are applying to a visual or performing arts program**, work on your portfolio or audition pieces.
26. **NCAA**: If you want to participate in **Division I or Division II** sports in college, make sure you registered at the www.eligibilitycenter.org. Check with your counselor to make sure you are taking a core curriculum that meets NCAA requirements. See your coach and the athletic director regarding game films. **Have SAT and ACT scores sent directly to the NCAA Clearinghouse.**