

College Readiness Checklist

10th Grade

- ☐ Meet with your counselor to review your credits and ensure that you are on track to meet requirements for graduation, endorsements, and performance acknowledgements
- ☐ Attendance affects high school course credit. Make sure you attend school regularly and make up any missed assignments and tests by scheduling them with your teachers. Maintain the best grades you can and attend tutorials when needed
- ☐ Consider taking rigorous courses, such as Pre-AP, AP, IB, dual credit courses, and courses designed to prepare you for college, such as AVID
- ☐ Consider courses within Programs of Study / endorsement paths that align with your future career choices
- ☐ If you are enrolled in a program that culminates in an industry certification, review testing requirements and verify that you are taking the courses required to complete the certification.
- ☐ Consider participating in extracurricular activities offered at school.
- ☐ Find your passion - what do you love? Consider service projects, volunteer work, and leadership opportunities in your areas of interest.
- ☐ Review automatic admission updates and how the effort you put into classes can affect the benefits you may receive for college
(<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/graduation-information/automatic-college-admission>)
- ☐ Use resources such as your Naviance account, Texas OnCourse (www.texasoncourse.org), BigFuture (<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>), and postsecondary institution websites to research and compare postsecondary options. Additional resources are also available on CFB and campus counseling websites
- ☐ Attend an available college and career fair, in-person or virtually, and compare options
- ☐ If you plan to participate in college athletics, read the National Collegiate Athletics Association - NCAA eligibility checklist (<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future>) and/or the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics - NAIA eligibility information (<https://play.mynaia.org/>)

- ☐ Speak with your counselor to ensure you are taking high school courses that meet college athletics requirements.
- ☐ Visit college campuses
- ☐ Build a high school résumé and save all the awards, honors, and certificates you receive. Add awards, internships, volunteer work, and extracurricular activities as you receive them.
- ☐ Create a personal file with items such as your transcript and resume
- ☐ Create a file or organize all of the college materials you receive in the mail and at college fairs
- ☐ Speak with your parent/legal guardian about college costs and check out FAFSA4Caster to estimate financial aid (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/estimate>)
- ☐ Look into scholarship options, including micro-scholarships that you can start earning now such as Raise.me (<https://www.raise.me/how-it-works#how-raise-me-works>)
- ☐ Review SAT/ACT prep courses and consider trying one
- ☐ You can link your PSAT results online to Khan Academy (<https://www.khanacademy.org/>) in order to practice the skills you need to be on track for college readiness
- ☐ If you plan to take a dual credit course your junior year to earn college credits while in high school, speak with your school counselor to determine whether you need to take the TSI during your sophomore year
- ☐ Take the PSAT again and connect results to Khan Academy to practice the skills you need to improve to be on track for postsecondary readiness
- ☐ Speak with your teachers and counselor after receiving your PSAT scores to determine which AP or dual credit classes you should take your junior year