

10th Grade Students Preparing for College

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ACT College Planning Guide

To Do:

- ❖ Meet with your school counselor or mentor to discuss colleges and their requirements.
- ❖ Consider taking a practice Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) (<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10>), or check out the ACT Aspire exam "sandbox."
(<http://actaspire.pearson.com/exemplars.html>)
- ❖ Plan to use your summer wisely: Work, volunteer, or take a summer course (away or at a local college).
- ❖ Go to career information events to get a more detailed look at career options.
- ❖ Research majors that might be a good fit with your interests and goals based on your results from the U.S. Department of Labor's career search.
(<https://www.mynextmove.org/>)

To Explore:

- ❖ Learn the differences between grants, loans, work-study, and scholarships.
(<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types>)

Parents/Guardians To Do List:

- ❖ Find out whether your child's school has college nights or financial aid nights. Plan to attend those events with your child.
- ❖ Help your child develop independence by encouraging him or her to take responsibility for balancing homework with any other activities or a part-time job.

To Explore:

- ❖ Learn about the standardized tests
(<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/prepare-for-college/tests>) your child will be taking during 10th through 12th grades.
- ❖ Get a brief overview of financial aid from *Federal Student Aid at a Glance*
(<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/aid-glance-2019-20.pdf>).