

# Grade 10 College Planning Checklist

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**□ CHECK** your course schedule with your counselor. Ask about **1)** advance placement courses; **2)** information on the courses & tests you'll need to apply to your preferred schools; **3)** and update your Four Year High School Plan.

**□ TAKE** the PSAT/NMSQT offered in October. Use your PSAT results to prepare for the 11th grade exam which is also the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT). Prepare at: [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html). Review the materials you are given at school when you register for the PSAT.

**□ CONTINUE** participating in extracurricular activities, which will be an important part of your college application. Find out if your school offers a volunteer service program, and how many service hours are required for recognition at graduation

**□ CONTINUE** exploring career and college options with the California Career Zone. <http://www.cacareerzone.org/>

**□ BEGIN** reviewing admission requirements for the colleges you might consider attending. Explore each college's website or go to [www.CaliforniaColleges.edu](http://www.CaliforniaColleges.edu).

**□ CREATE** a California Colleges account at [www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu)

**□ DOUBLE CHECK** to make sure you are taking the right classes at the right academic level to meet your colleges' admission requirements

**□ KEEP** track of your grades and attendance. If you are experiencing difficulty, seek out tutoring with teachers or form a study group with friends

**□ CHECK** your credits with your counselor when you are signing up for classes for next year: make sure you are on track to graduate.

**□ RESEARCH** to find out if your school offers dual credit or co-enrollment course for the summer and fall. Sign up for these classes that offer college credit.

**□ REGISTER** in April for SAT<sup>®</sup> II, offered in June, for subjects you will complete by June

**□ ENROLL** in summer enrichment programs at college campuses or find summer volunteer opportunities in the community. Colleges look for students who use their summers to develop themselves academically and socially

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