

Grade 11

Review your academic credentials

- Review your 4-Year Plan, post-secondary plans, GPA and class rank with your school counselor. Make sure you continue to take the most rigorous courses you can.
- Update your resume on Xello with any new information.

Take the PSAT/NMSQT:

- At school, sign up early to take the PSAT/NMSQT in October.
<https://www.collegeboard.org>
- Start Your College Search:**
- Start with you: Make lists of your abilities, preferences and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college.
- Jump-start your college planning by reading about majors and careers.
- Use Xello to search for colleges with the right characteristics.

Begin Thinking about Financial Aid:

- Talk to your counselor about your college plans. Attend college night and financial aid night at your school or another school in the county.
- Log onto Xello to use search tools on colleges and financial aid.

Get Ready for the SAT:

- Schedule Your Spring Testing**
- Review standardized policies for colleges that you are interested in applying to so that you can plan what tests you will need to take.
- You can take either the SAT or up to three SAT Subject tests on one test day. Plan your testing schedule carefully if you want to take both, and register for two separate test dates. See the *SAT schedule of test dates* and *register online for the SAT*.
<https://www.collegeboard.org>
- Prepare for the SAT by taking a free full-length official practice test. Then get a score and skills report. Learn which skills you need to improve. You can also use Khan Academy to help prepare for or improve your score.
- Contact your school counselor to find out about fee waivers/eligibility.
- Explore Colleges**
 - Start visiting local colleges and get a feel for what works for you.
 - Develop an initial list of colleges that interest you. You can narrow it down later.
- Prepare for AP Exams**
- Plan Ahead for the summer and Senior Year**
 - Review your senior year class schedule with your counselor. Challenge yourself with honors, AP classes, or dual enrollment courses.
 - Plan summer activities early. Enrich yourself by volunteering or getting an interesting job or internship.
- Keep Up Your Momentum**
 - Visit colleges and narrow your list of schools that you are interested in. Take campus tours and, at colleges you're serious about, schedule interviews with admission officers.
 - Save colleges that you are interested in to your plan in Xello and review the requirements for entrance. Check important dates; some colleges have early dates or rolling admission.