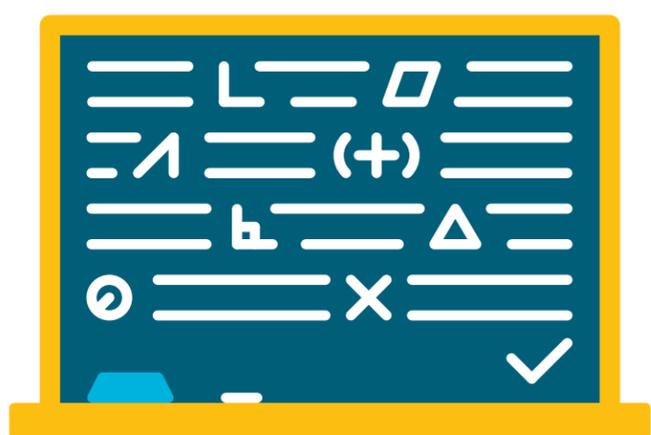


## College & Scholarship Checklist

# Stay On The College-Prep Track



### Stay the Course

- ▣ **Review your college-going plan** with your high school guidance/college counselors. Revise if needed. Make sure you are taking courses that will meet college admission requirements, which include credits in language arts, math, science, world languages, social science and visual or performing arts. Scan this poster's QR code to link to a printable worksheet to help you keep track.
- ▣ **Stay focused** on and organized in your classes, homework and school projects. Prioritize homework and daily tasks, plan ahead and keep track of assignments by using a student planner or a daily agenda. Turn in assignments early or on time.
- ▣ **Study by reviewing** classroom materials, creating flashcards, rewriting notes and quizzing your friends to help master the content you need to be a successful student. You can also take advantage of any practice tests offered at your school.
- ▣ **Begin researching** different colleges to create a list of schools you might want to attend.

### Get Talking

- ▣ **Talk to your parents or guardians** about your college-going plan to make sure you each understand and agree to the courses you have planned.
- ▣ **Attend parent-student conferences** to discuss your educational goals, grades and past state standardized test scores.
- ▣ **Begin talking** about college costs and saving for college with your parents/guardians.

### Seek Wise Counsel



- ▣ **Ask about** how to prepare for state standardized tests, end-of-course exams, college-entrance assessments (SAT, ACT, ACCUPLACER, or COMPASS) and practice assessments (PSAT, PLAN, PRA).
- ▣ **Need help?** Get help! Take advantage of available resources such as homework help sessions, study sessions or open library hours at your school or local library.
- ▣ **Visit the career center** at your school. Identify which programs are available to help you plan early for college, such as the College Success Foundation's HERO program, Upward Bound, TRiO, GEAR UP or AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination).
- ▣ **Learn how to** appropriately ask for help from adults.

### Get Connected



- ▣ **Join college-readiness clubs** if they are offered at your high school.
- ▣ **Participate in student organizations**, athletics, community service and volunteer events.
- ▣ **Stay sharp.** You can prevent summer learning loss by reading books, reviewing classroom material from the school year and planning for the upcoming school year.
- ▣ **Get job skills** in high school over the summer by considering Job Corps, paid and unpaid internships, job shadowing, Junior ROTC, occupational classes or other community service volunteer work.

### Search for Treasure



- ▣ **Continue or begin searching** for scholarships by updating or creating your account on theWashBoard.org.
- ▣ **Many colleges and scholarships** factor in your GPA when considering you for admission, so make sure to earn the best GPA you can.
- ▣ **Ask your counselor** about getting a fee waiver to reduce the costs of your SAT/ACT exams.
- ▣ **Create a skills inventory** by writing down five qualities or skills to put on a college personal statement and to use in scholarships or interviews.

