

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Timeline

### Planning Timeline

**Keep those grades up!**

You might have a lot going on this year, but it's important to stay focused on your schoolwork.

**Sign up for a college savings account or continue to add money to an existing account.**

Talk to your parents about financial aid options. It's a good idea to start talking about how you're going to pay for college.

**Continue your conversations with your School Counselor, teachers, family members or trusted adults about your plans for college or other paths towards a career.**

**Find out about AP and other honors-level courses for junior year.**

**Update your college planning file — or start one, if you haven't already**

**Continue extracurricular activities.**

Remember, many admissions officers look for well-rounded students who participate in the world around them.

**If you have room in your schedule, consider a part-time job or volunteer position.**

**Look into participating in academic enrichment programs, summer workshops and camps with specialty focuses such as music, arts and sciences.**

**Take the PLAN test if you plan to take the ACT.**

This is a valuable test to help you prepare for the ACT, which you can take next year. Ask your school counselor for more information about the PLAN test.

**If you plan to take the SAT, take the PSAT in October.**

The scores will not count for National Merit Scholar consideration this year, but it is good practice for taking the PSAT in your junior year (when the scores will count).

**It's not too early to start studying for standardized tests like the ACT and SAT.**

A great place to start is with the Test Prep section.

**Investigate your options for participating in concurrent enrollment next year.**

This allows juniors and seniors to enroll in college courses if they meet certain requirements.

**Make a list of reasons why you like different colleges and universities — programs, location, cost and so on**

**Start thinking about what factors are important to you in choosing a college:**

Size, Location, Availability of Extracurricular Activities, for example.

**Keep reading!**

Expanding your vocabulary and learning new things will help with many things over the next few years.