

# HTHNC College Planning Checklist - 10th Grade

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*By now, your advisees should have their Naviance account set up, and they should be in the habit of using it on a regular basis. Remember, using Naviance occasionally early will make a huge difference later on! 10th grade also has more opportunities to take community college classes in the summer, as well as various standardized tests some colleges will require for admissions.*

## **First Semester**

- Begin the college search and visits
  - ✓ Use the College Research section of Naviance to begin adding schools to the "Colleges I'm Thinking About" list in Naviance. College Research can be found under the "Colleges" tab. Colleges I'm Thinking About can be found via Family Connection -> Colleges -> Colleges I'm Thinking About.
  - ✓ Discuss the different characteristics of colleges to consider (size, distance, focus, cost, programs, etc.).
  
- Write in the Journal (Naviance) regarding "Why is college important to my family?"
  
- PSAT Check In. The PSAT is generally given in October, with registration taking place in August and September. Additional information can be found here: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/reg.html> All 10th graders will take the PSAT. Information on this will be given out in August or September
  - ✓ Help students prepare for the PSAT. [Look here for free prep materials](#)
  
- Encourage continued extracurricular and community activities! Make sure advisees are documenting these in the Resume section!

## **Second Semester**

- Check transcripts to make sure that advisees are passing courses or are prepared to take summer school.
  - ✓ Let your Director, Dean, and College Advisor know of students who are at risk to repeat the grade
  - ✓ Have students update their checklist in Naviance (Family Connection -> About Me -> Checklist)
  
- College Day reflection journal entry (Family Connect -> About me -> Journal)
  
- Check the activities to make sure that your advisees are getting involved, or interested in, in something beyond their regular school work.

- ❑ Discuss college interests in SLCs with advisees and their families.
- ❑ Discuss community college options with students. While these courses won't count towards high school credit, they will count towards their college career as well as provide additional enrichment in their regular courses.
- ❑ Check with advisees regarding SAT Subject Tests.
  - ✓ These are given in May and June. Interested 10th graders may likely be prepared to take Chemistry, World History, Physics, or Math Level 1.
  - ✓ Use Naviance to help figure out which schools require an SAT Subject Test (Family Connection -> Colleges -> SuperMatch College Search)
- ❑ Review previously taken surveys and inventories in Naviance and retake or make adjustments as needed.