

HTHNC College Planning Checklist - 11th Grade

11th grade is a big year for college preparedness! Not only are there loads of standardized tests to prepare for, community college opportunities, there is also junior internship, continued use of Naviance, plus the regular coursework of 11th grade. College admissions often scrutinize 11th grade performance as well.

First Semester

- Continue the college search and visits
 - ✓ Discuss the different characteristics of colleges to consider (size, distance, focus, cost, programs, etc.).

- Write in the Journal (Naviance) regarding "What am I looking for in a college?"

- 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 11th graders will take the PSAT
 - ✓ Help students prepare for the PSAT. [Look here for free prep materials](#)
 - ✓ Performance on the PSAT as an 11th grader will determine eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship.

- SAT/ACT Registration
 - ✓ Use Naviance to help figure out which schools require either a SAT/ACT score, as well as what those scores are (Family Connection -> Colleges -> SuperMatch College Search)
 - ✓ SAT Registration deadlines are in April and May, with administration of the tests in May and June
 - ✓ ACT registration deadlines vary depending on the test date. Test dates are approximately every 8 weeks beginning in September

- Encourage continued extracurricular and community activities! Make sure advisees are documenting these in the Resume section!

- Review previously taken surveys and inventories in Naviance and retake or make adjustments as needed.

- Remind advisees about upcoming financial aid/college info sessions, as well as college fairs.

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/ACT
 - ✓ SAT tests are given in May and June. Interested 11th graders may likely be prepared to take US History, Biology, Spanish, Math Level 2, plus the previously listed subject tests for 10th graders
 - ✓ Use Naviance to help figure out which schools require each standardized test (Family Connection -> Colleges -> SuperMatch College Search)
 - ✓ Confirm that each 11th grade advisee has taken either the SAT or ACT at least once.

- ❑ Review PSAT scores with advisees

- ❑ Practice completing both the UC personal statement prompts or 1-2 of the Common App essay prompts.
 - ✓ [UC Personal Statement Information found here](#)
 - ✓ [Common App Essay Prompts found here](#)

- ❑ Use the Journal in Naviance to address the following prompt: Identify 3 teachers or staff at HTHNC who I will ask to write a letter of recommendation. Describe why each of these people are good choices for me.
 - ✓ Advisees should contact these people before leaving for summer!