10th Grade College and Career Planning timeline:

**Resources:**

1. Parent College Action Plan by College Board; please use [THIS LINK](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-parents/parent-action-plan-10th-grade) to access
2. Student College Planning Guide by College Board; please use [THIS LINK](https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/CollegePlanning/media/pdf/BigFuture-College-Planning-9th-10th-Graders.pdf) to access

**Fall of 10th grade**:

* Welcome back! Start the year off strong. Keep current on your assignments.
* Take the [Career Finder](https://roadtripnation.com/edu/careerfinder) inventory on CollegeBoard Big Future. You will need to create an account for yourself. Remember to use a personal email address! This inventory will help you look at potential careers based on your interests.

**Winter of 10th Grade**:

* Focus on getting good grades and finding how to be organized (see your counselor with any questions or tips/tricks).
* Start looking over your options for classes for 11th grade; you will select your classes early winter.
* Review the Coursebook for descriptions on all classes available, scheduling policies, planning to become a college athlete and more: [21-22 Coursebook](https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/1070391/2021-2022_Coursebook.pdf)
* Look at requirements for possible colleges as well as admission requirements and rates through [CollegeBoard Big Future](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/). You should begin to save schools to your account so information about that college can be sent to you easily. This is called “building your College List”.
* Make sure you consider classes that will benefit you in your future; this may include college prep coursework that is AP or dual credit/enrollment. Consider KEC and Kish @ GK! It looks great to a college on your transcript and can help you feel more successful at the college level.
* Begin to narrow down post-secondary choices: 2 or 4 year, technical school, military or world of work.
* Practice for the PSAT10 in April on [Khan Academy](https://www.khanacademy.org/).

**Spring of 10th grade**

* Finish strong! Your high school transcript and GPA is one of the more important parts of your post-secondary plan and creates options for students as well as scholarship opportunities
* Are you ready to take the SAT next year? You may want to consider the April, June or July SAT. Visit with your counselor to see if this is a good option for you! Also, if you are free/reduced lunch make sure you talk with your counselor about an SAT (and/or ACT) fee waiver.
* Thinking about a military academy such as West Point or the Air Force Academy? Now is the time to start planning.
* Make a list and begin to explore the characteristics that are important to you in a college (cost, distance, majors, size, campus opportunities, etc) You can do a search on [CollegeBoard Big Future](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/) to narrow down colleges to consider.

**Summer of 10th grade**

* Consider a summer volunteer opportunity, job, or shadowing opportunity. Remember, 25 hours of community service are required for graduation.
* Consider a college campus visit!