

{INSERT NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL HERE}

10TH GRADE COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENT CHECKLIST

EARN THE BEST GRADES YOU CAN

Students who have a solid GPA by the end of their sophomore year of high school are in a much better position to be admitted to college with scholarships than students who wait until their junior year to raise their GPA.

GET INVOLVED

Extracurricular activities help give life and meaning to a high school career. They are a vital part of a good resume. Research the different clubs and organizations that your school has to offer. Volunteering is another great way to get involved during high school and can help prepare you for your future career and connect you with valuable resources.

IDENTIFY YOUR LEARNING STYLE

It is important to understand the ways that you learn best in order to develop the most effective strategies for academic success. Identifying your learning style will help guide you through different approaches to learning. You will learn whether you are a visual (spatial), aural (auditory-musical), verbal (linguistic), physical (kinesthetic), logical (mathematical), social (interpersonal), or solitary (intrapersonal), learner, as well as ways to study with each of these styles in mind.

TAKE THE PSAT/NMSQT (IN OCTOBER)

See your high school counselor for details.

BE SURE TO UNDERSTAND THE HIGHER EDUCATION ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (HEAR)

The class of 2011 will have different college admission requirements than previous classes. Make an appointment with your counselor or visit with your Future Center Advisor to ensure that you are on track to be accepted into college.

COMPLETE INTEREST AND CAREER INVENTORY

Know what your interests are and begin to select possible career options. Also note what educational requirements each one has.

RESEARCH MAJORS AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Now that you know what your interests are and possible careers you may want to go into, or seek out a college major that is similar to your interest. You can do this in Naviance or by visiting your Future Center and looking at resources.

VISIT A COLLEGE CAMPUS

Whether you take a walking tour of a college campus or a virtual tour, it is important to know what type of school you would like to attend. Would you like to go to a private school, public school, vocational, large, small, etc.? Talk to your counselor or Future Center advisor to learn about any visits to college campuses that happen throughout the school year.

Prepare for CSAP (Do your best!)

By the time you come back from winter break your school will begin to focus on the CSAP test. This means use whatever resources available at your school to study for this test. Taking this test seriously will help you excel on the ACT and SAT.

For help on this or if you have other questions:

Visit Your College and Financial Aid Advisor, INSERT NAME HERE, in the Future Center, ROOM XXX, or email at XXXXX@denverscholarship.org