

11th grade Career Planning/College Prep Checklist

- Assessments
 - PSAT/NMSQT is the test used to qualify students as a National Merit Scholar- this is given in October
 - Take the ACT (go to ACT.org to register)
- Consider Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
 - Take AP Exams in the spring
- Build onto your resume Review and revise regularly.
 - Explore leadership opportunities. (Boys/Girls State, Governor's school, etc.)
 - Get involved in the community. Volunteering feels great and it looks good on college applications and resumes.
 - Participate in extracurricular groups and activities, like sports.
 - Start compiling a reference list of people (teachers, coaches, neighbors, supervisors, ministers, etc.) who would recommend you for scholarships, leadership opportunities, etc. Keep a running list of their names, titles, and contact information.
- Email is your "professional" communication with DHCA faculty, as well as potential colleges and universities. Please check it regularly, stay respectful, respond in a timely manner, and remember to check your grammar and spelling for errors.
- Practice interview skills.
- Stay organized. Learn to use a planner or calendar app to monitor and meet deadlines.
- Take an ACT or SAT prep course.
- High School Tips
 - Challenge yourself to continue developing good study habits
 - Check-ins with your counselor.
 - Am I on track for graduation- review transcripts
 - Do I qualify for a fee waiver?
 - GPA: What is it and how do I calculate mine?
- Planning for Life After High School
 - Continue to think about career choices
 - Research majors related to those fields and job shadow when possible
 - I want to go to college or at least explore the idea!
 - Attend College and Career Fairs. (www.gotocollegefairs.com)
 - Contact admissions departments to ask to be on their mailing lists and inquire about upcoming events.
 - Many Representatives come to DHCA through our Lunch and Learns
 - Familiarize yourself with college websites, especially admissions.
 - Research and apply for admissions and scholarships. Many will not be available till your senior year. Make note of deadlines and put them in your planner or calendar app. Many open early into your senior year and close as early as December
 - Schedule college tours and continue narrowing down your search. Please check on the university's website to schedule.