



ACTION STEPS

College Planning Timeline

For Parents and Families | 11th Grade

Boost Your Grades.

Reflect on your grades thus far in high school and make a plan to earn the best grades possible to boost your GPA.

Dive Into College Success.

Engage in the College Success Course and take advantage of all the resources to prepare for college applications.

Build Your College List.

Update your college list by adding schools to the “Following” tab to begin further research.

Get PSAT Ready.

Prepare for the PSAT to strengthen your test skills and possibly qualify for the National Merit Scholarship. Engage in the Junior College Success course test prep sessions and resources to build confidence before testing.

Plan and Prep for the SAT/ACT.

Use your PSAT results to guide your SAT or ACT study plan. Register early for your preferred test dates, continue to prep, and ask about fee waiver options if you qualify.

Visit and Connect with Colleges.

Attend college visits either in person or virtually. Sign up on Scoir for college rep visits at True North to learn more about colleges.

Search for Scholarships.

Begin researching scholarship opportunities, your eligibility, and their specific requirements and deadlines.

Aim High in APs.

Study for any upcoming AP exams. Consider which advanced courses you want to take next year that best meet the requirements of your college preferences.

Know the Cost.

Complete college net price calculators with your parent to have a better idea of future tuition costs and financial aid eligibility.

Explore College Majors That Fit You.

Research new majors of interest to you by reviewing the results of your PrinciplesYou Career Assessment in Scoir.

Map Your Application Plan.

Research application decision types, such as Early Action/Early Decision, and review potential deadlines for each program.

Get Recommendation Ready.

Review college application requirements and begin to build positive relationships with your teachers for internship, scholarship, and college recommendation letters.

Make Summer Count.

Use your summer break to visit local colleges and other postsecondary institutions that interest you, gain work experience through a summer job or internship.