

# College Prep Checklist

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### Explore Your Interests

- ☐ Make a list of potential careers that intrigue you; think about your favorite subjects in school.
- ☐ Visit the College Match tool at [CollegeRaptor.com/college-search](https://CollegeRaptor.com/college-search) to start exploring colleges best suited for you. See which schools offer the programs and majors you're considering.

### Create a Plan

- ☐ Find out what classes will make you a strong college applicant.
- ☐ Push yourself academically; your high school GPA includes all four years.
- ☐ Ask about AP/1B/dual-credit classes, which illustrate your intellect and curiosity to colleges and can potentially earn you college credit while you're still in high school.

### Get Involved

- ☐ Join a club, sport, or activity that you enjoy.
- ☐ Consider getting a part time job for experience and earning money for college.
- ☐ Volunteer for something you find important.

### REMINDER

*Being deeply involved in a few activities is usually looked at more favorably than being just slightly involved in many different activities. The best way to get deeply involved is to start early and find your passions!*

