

College Prep Checklist

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Continue Exploring Interests and Potential Colleges

- Research majors and careers aligned with your passions and interests.
- Talk with people in your areas of interest to learn more about the field.
- Work with your advisor to fine-tune your schedule so you're taking the right classes.
- Revisit CollegeRaptor.com/college-search and update your search. See what's new!
- Think about visiting campuses. It's not too early.

Begin Prep for Entrance Exams

- Find out which exam your potential colleges require; talk to your counselor about prepping for the SAT or ACT.
- Consider taking a practice exam like the PSAT or ACT Aspire.

Prepare to Pay for College

- Strategize about how to pay for college.
- Talk to your family about their ability to contribute and how much.
- Start to learn about financial aid and student loans.
- Save up gift money and paychecks.
- Go to school-sponsored college-funding presentations to learn more.

Be a Proactive Participant

- Stay involved in community and school activities.
- Study more than you think you need to; work hard for your GPA.
- Make a record of your achievements, honors, awards, activities, volunteer work, leadership experiences, and other special recognitions you've earned.

