

# Preparing for College

10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	
<b>Classes &amp; Courses</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ Continue to take the more challenging courses, building your academic skills and study habits</li> <li>➔ Verify your 4 year plan aligns with your career and college interests</li> <li>➔ Continue to establish relationships with faculty and staff</li> <li>➔ Consult with your counselor if you are considering Early Graduation</li> </ul>
<b>Resume Building</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ Stay involved at school and with community activities (sports, clubs, UIL, community service)</li> <li>➔ Update your portfolio with awards and activities</li> </ul>
<b>Career &amp; College</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ Take the PSAT test (<i>required for all 10<sup>th</sup> grade students</i>)</li> <li>➔ Verify your college and career interests align with your 4 year plan</li> <li>➔ Investigate careers by talking to adults in a variety of profession; explore the career interest inventory on the Bridges program</li> <li>➔ Research colleges/universities via their website (pay close attention to admission requirements)</li> <li>➔ Take the Asset to prepare for Dual Enrollment classes</li> <li>➔ Attend College 101 night for parents and students</li> <li>➔ Visit some college campuses</li> </ul>
<b>Evaluation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➔ At the end of the school year re-assess your 4 year plan to confirm your goals and interests align with your college and career plans</li> <li>➔ Evaluate courses you have taken against college admission requirements; make changes in future course selections if needed</li> </ul>

Checklist	
<input type="checkbox"/> Took PSAT <input type="checkbox"/> Took Asset or Acuplacer <input type="checkbox"/> Took career interest inventory	<input type="checkbox"/> Updated my 4 year plan <input type="checkbox"/> Updated my portfolio <input type="checkbox"/> Created a list of admission requirements for colleges that interest me