

11th Grade to-do List



The year ahead-

- ✓ Meet with your counselor to make sure you are on track for graduation and for the colleges you are considering.
 - College admissions initially look for three main factors: GPA, Curriculum, ACT/SAT scores.
- ✓ Attend a college fair. Usually LCCC and BGSU Firelands hold college fairs in the fall.
- ✓ Sign up for the PSAT test, which will be given during the day in October at Steele High School. As a Junior, this test counts for the National Merit Scholarship.
- ✓ Schedule an ACT and/or an SAT test. Information is available in the guidance office.
 - Always prep for the tests either through a course, on-line program or with a book.
 - It is beneficial for students to enter senior year with 2 sets of scores.
 - If you have an IEP or 504 and want to apply to testing companies for accommodations, see your counselor at least 2 months before the testing date.
 - If you intend to apply to highly selective schools, check college websites to find out if you need to register for SAT II subject tests.
- ✓ Contact military academies now if you want to apply next year. Look into the schools and their summer programs.
- ✓ Seriously look at colleges. Visit anywhere from 4-6 schools, participating in the official college visit and speaking with someone in the department in which you are interested. Each student is allowed three college visits each year during the school day. Forms can be downloaded from the “College Planning” section of our website.
 - Spring break is also a good time to visit colleges.

- ✓ Discuss college financing with your parents. Involve them in the financial aid process now before the base calendar year begins January 1. Make major financial decisions before year end.
 - Attend the Financial Aid info session in January.
- ✓ Search on-line for specific college information: admission requirements, academic programs, scholarship and financial aid information, costs, and deadlines.
- ✓ Create an account on scholarship search websites and actively monitor them for any scholarship for which you may qualify.
- ✓ For those athletes planning on playing a sport in college, sign up for the NCAA Clearinghouse.