



UNDERCLASSMEN STUDENT CHECKLIST

SUMMER

STUDENTS

- Research high school graduation requirements
- Make a list of classes you need/want to take
- Make a goal list for what you want to accomplish this school year
- Create a study plan

PARENTS

- Contact school to ensure student is set for enrollment
- See if there are any parent resources available at the school
- Support student with making goal list
- Identify programs that you want your student to be a part of

SEPTEMBER

STUDENTS

- Create a list of your hobbies and interests
- Talk to teachers about expectations for successful completion of their classes
- Research 2 colleges/programs that you're interested in and start a school list
- Identify one school organization that you would like to be a part of
- Create an account with College Board for scholarship and college info (11th grade)

PARENTS

- Make sure student is enrolled in all necessary classes
- Talk to your student about their interests and potential opportunities after high school



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OCTOBER

STUDENTS

- Join and actively participate in a student organization
- Research majors or programs you'd like to study
- Add another school to your list
- Meet with your counselor to discuss options after high school based on your interests
- Ask your teachers what colleges they attended
- Check on the status of grades in your classes
- Apply to schools with \$0 application fees during College Application Month (11th grade)

PARENTS

- Encourage your student to research different programs
- Attend parent teacher conferences/or talk to teachers about student's status
- Talk to student's counselor about progress toward graduation

NOVEMBER

STUDENTS

- Ask your teachers for essay-writing tips during Academic Writing Month
- Follow universities you're interested in on social media
- Map out list of interests after high school graduation
- Research and add another school/program to your list
- Assess first card marking grades and make an improvement plan for second report card
- Talk to a teacher about their college application journey (11th grade)
- Research and apply to scholarships during National Scholarship Month (11th grade)

PARENTS

- If student failed a class, talk to their counselor about next steps for credit recovery
- Ask your student about their progress in the college search process
- Talk to student about your personal journey after high school

DECEMBER

STUDENTS

- Select one book to read over break
- Make a plan for winter break (e.g. jobs, scholarships, essay practice, reading)
- Seek out leadership opportunities to pursue after Winter Break (ex. in student organizations, while volunteering, in your classes)
- Watch blogs or videos from college students
- Take virtual college tours
- Investigate another school/program for your list
- Talk with your parents about the importance of completing high school

PARENTS

- Create a list of questions that you have about student's options after high school
- Talk to student about the importance of high school and the options it makes available after graduation

JANUARY

STUDENTS

- Reach out for support or thank one of your mentors during National Mentoring Month
- Add 2 new schools to your list
- Identify three majors or programs you want to study after high school
- Make a list of admission requirements for schools
- Make a list of classes needed for second term (February)
- Check in with teachers about your grades
- Talk with someone about how your hobbies and interests can be used in opportunities after high school

PARENTS

- Identify state resources available for students to attend state colleges or universities
- Attend parent teacher conferences
- Talk with your student about translating hobbies/interests into plans after high school



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FEBRUARY

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- Talk to your teachers and parents about what financial aid is and where it's available during Financial Aid Awareness Month
- Research and sign up for summer program opportunities
- Talk to your counselor about upcoming college visit trips taking place through school
- Make a list of the college visits you want to attend based on the ones your school will be visiting
- Go on at least three in-person college tours (when available)
- Add a new program/school to your list
- Research and sign up for test prep courses or look for other resources for support
- Look into summer programs/jobs

PARENTS

- Identify financial resources available for students after high school
- Talk to your student about the importance of financial aid
- Attend college visits with your student
- Research summer program opportunities for your student

MARCH

STUDENTS

- Celebrate National Reading Month by reading 2 new books
- Talk to your teachers about your grades
- Utilize resources like Khan academy to help you study
- Make sure to check deadlines to apply for summer programs and sign up on time
- Choose another school/program for your list
- Research local scholarship opportunities (MI Scholarship Search)

PARENTS

- Attend parent teacher conferences
- Support and encourage your student's study efforts



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APRIL

STUDENTS

- Identify another adult or family member who can support you in making plans after high school
- Talk with your counselor about how you might stand out on college and scholarship applications (e.g. hobbies, extracurricular involvement, work experience, grades)
- Make sure to get a good night of sleep and eat breakfast before taking the SAT (11th grade)
- Research study abroad opportunities at your college and in your program (11th grade)

PARENTS

- Talk to your student about the importance of having a team of support and discuss who else might support your student
- Ensure your student is well-rested and eats breakfast before taking the SAT

MAY

STUDENTS

- Make sure to spend time on self-care during Mental Health Awareness Month
- Review your list of 10 schools/programs after high school and talk about it with a parent
- Study for final exams
- Talk to teachers about your grades
- Review your test scores (11th grade)
- If you hoped for a better score, sign up for a retake and study (11th grade)

PARENTS

- Attend parent teacher conferences
- Have a conversation with your student about their 10 school list and why those schools/programs were chosen



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JUNE

STUDENTS

- Make sure everything is set for your summer plans
- Make a summer reading list
- Consider what you could've done better this school year and how you can improve
- Talk to your parents about how you'll create change for next school year

PARENTS

- Talk to your student about how they can implement change to improve for next school year