

SOUTH WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL

School Counseling Department

Grade 11 Checklist



Fall

- Set high academic goals for the year
 - Last chance to influence your Weighted Cumulative GPA that colleges will see
- Take the PSAT-October
- Attend the College Fair-October
- Sign up to attend college representative visits in the School Counseling Office
- Get involved in activities (aim for leadership positions)

Winter

- Parents and/or Guardians attend Grade 11 Post-Secondary Planning Night-January
- Use Naviance and/or CollegeBoard to research post-secondary options
- Meet with your School Counselor to review transcript, future schedule and formulate post-secondary plans that fit your criteria:
 - Program Offerings, Grades, GPA, Test Scores, Size, Location, Cost, etc.
- Plan post-secondary visits (visit during February and April vacations)
- School day SAT testing (March)
 - Review SAT Scores and plan future testing schedule
- Use test prep. materials and/or courses to prepare for post-secondary testing (SAT, ASVAB, ACT)

Spring:

- Start to narrow list of post-secondary options and formulate a “List” of Match/Reach/Safety
 - Use FAFSA4caster to get estimated costs of most schools
- Research if your list of schools require any Art/Music Portfolios and/or SAT subject tests
- Attend a regional college fair at a local college/university or convention center
- Update/build your resume’
- Ask 2 teachers for a Letter of Recommendation
- Apply to the NCAA Clearinghouse (if applicable-NCAA Division I & II)
- Research deadlines for U.S. Service Academies or ROTC scholarships. Families should inform their counselor and start the application process

Summer:

- Engage in enrichment, volunteer, Capstone Project and/or employment opportunities
- Create a Common Application account
- Brainstorm, draft, or finalize your College Essay
- Receive a letter from your School Counselor outlining courses required to pass in order to graduate
- Complete Senior and Parent Brag Sheets on Naviance
 - Senior Parent Night- September