

PARENT GUIDE TO

11th GRADE Fall Semester

LOOKING AHEAD COLLEGE & CAREER

JUNIOR TO-DO (Fall Semester)

- ☐ Look for volunteer opportunities.
- ☐ Request information about college application requirements, financial aid information, and specific information about your proposed major area of study.
- ☐ Check college websites for SAT, SAT Subject Tests or ACT requirements.
- ☐ Put together a list of 10 colleges you are interested in.
- ☐ Talk to your parents and high school counselor about where you want to go to school.
- ☐ Study for the PSAT/NMSQT. Check out additional practice materials at www.collegeboard.com.
- ☐ Ensure you are in the courses or programs necessary to earn your CCMR indicator, or have signed up for the necessary tests.
- ☐ Take the PSAT/NMSQT. (Remember to take your calculator.)
- ☐ Attend a College Fair.
- ☐ Visit "Helpful Resources" in Section 5 of the High School student handbook for more information.

PLAN YOUR PATH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Students in 11th grade are continuing courses toward their graduation plan and earning an endorsement. The five endorsement areas are Arts & Humanities; Business & Industry; Multi-Disciplinary; Public Services; and STEM. Students should verify that their schedule will permit participation in practicum courses or other work-based learning opportunities to gain industry skills that align with their endorsement area and CTE pathway. Additionally, determine any dual credit or AP opportunities in either academic subjects or CTE classes to earn college credit.

Counselors can assist students with verifying course planning to ensure requirements for endorsement and core academic requirements are met.

Eleventh-grade students can consider finding a summer job through various programs or summer job initiatives from organizations across the country to gain employability skills and experience in a field of interest beyond high school.

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QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD'S COUNSELOR



- Are the classes my student is taking meeting graduation requirements?
- Where can I find scholarship applications?
- What is the importance of the PSAT?
- What are the advantages of AP or dual credit courses?
- How can I encourage my student to think about college and career goals?
- What planning tools can help my student explore college and/or career options?

HOW CAN I HELP MY CHILD ADVOCATE FOR THEIR OWN SUCCESS

- Encourage your student to meet with the counselor and college advisor regularly to discuss college and career goals.
- Have your student check grades on Skyward and convey the importance of attendance.
- Implement a “shared decision-making” approach. Involve your student in decisions about the future, and value their opinions even if you don’t agree with them.

DIGITAL TOOLS FOR SUCCESS FOR HOME & SCHOOL



The below tools are accessible through DISD's [ClassLink Portal](#). Click the ClassLink Icon to the left and login with Student ID and Password.



BEYOND ACADEMICS SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL BEHAVIOR

Cyberbullying: Tips for parents & guardians

- Talking and texting may seem like a safe space, but make sure your student knows who they are talking to. Advise them to avoid conversations with unsolicited numbers or strangers.
- Social networking sites and apps are a common place for kids to be bullied or to bully others. Know what apps are downloaded on your student's phone and what they do.

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