

CollegeReadyParent.org — 11th Grade Checklist

- Build your college list
 - Use tools like BigFuture, CollegeVine, or Niche. Include in-state and out-of-state options.
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT in October
 - This is the only chance to qualify for National Merit.
- Create an ACT/SAT prep plan
 - Sign up for free resources, choose test dates, and track score goals.
- Visit colleges (virtual or in-person)
 - Take notes on campus feel, academic programs, and scholarship offerings.
- Strengthen your resume
 - Add leadership roles, community service, and summer opportunities.
- Ask teachers for letters of recommendation
 - Do this by spring, especially if they're popular or in high demand.
- Begin a scholarship tracker
 - Start with Coca-Cola, Jack Kent Cooke, and state-based merit aid.
- Write your first college essay draft
 - Reflect on leadership, growth, or a challenge you've faced.
- Meet with your school counselor
 - Review graduation requirements and college admissions readiness.

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