



11th Grade: Focused

COLLEGE CHECKLIST

ACHIEVE

DO YOUR BEST IN SCHOOL

Academics are the most important factor in getting into and graduating from college. Build good habits now that will help you be successful.

- Go to all of your classes. Attendance matters!
- Turn in all assignments, and take all your tests.
- Find a system that works for you to keep track of class materials.
- Use a paper or digital planner to keep track of assignments and deadlines.
- Ask for help from teachers, parents, counselors, and friends.
- Take the right classes!
Make sure you have the classes you need to graduate from high school and apply to college.
- Take a FULL schedule of classes!
- Continue taking challenging courses, and electives.
- Explore opportunities for dual-credit or CTE courses.
- FALL: Take the PSAT/NMSQT to qualify for scholarships.
- SPRING: Take practice tests before signing up and taking the SAT or ACT if you need.

ENGAGE

GET INVOLVED

Extracurricular activities give you the chance to explore your interests and make friends. Colleges like to see how you are involved in your school and community.

- Participate in school and community activities. Try something new!
 - Join a club, participate in sport, try an instrument, theatre, or choir!
- Volunteer for an organization or cause you care about.
- Make a plan for summer, and stay curious and mindful of your future plans!

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH SUPPORTIVE PEOPLE

YOUR COMMUNITY MATTERS. BUILD A NETWORK OF FRIENDS AND MENTORS WHO INSPIRE AND ENCOURAGE YOU TO THRIVE.

- Connect with friends, organizations, and clubs who share positive goals, values, and interests.
- Seek out a mentor – whether it's a teacher, counselor, coach, trusted adult, or an experienced peer. Find someone who listens and supports YOU.

MAKE THOUGHTFUL AND HEALTHY CHOICES

FOCUS ON HABITS THAT PROMOTE YOUR OVERALL WELL-BEING

- Care for your body and mind. Prioritize sleep, balanced meals, and regular movement.
- Stay mindful of your digital life. Use technology and social media responsibly.
 - Google yourself. Adjust privacy settings.



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EXPLORE

COLLEGE & CAREER OPTIONS

You can go to college. There are countless possibilities when it comes to both college and career. Keep your options open as your goals, interests, and preferences change.

- Make a list of careers that match your interests, and the education you will need.
- Create in Naviance a list of 5-10 colleges or training options that interest you.
- Get to know your top colleges. Take a virtual tour or if possible, visit a college campus.

LEARN ABOUT PAYING FOR COLLEGE

YOU CAN AFFORD COLLEGE. LEARN ABOUT THE COSTS AND HOW TO PAY.

- Explore what college costs. Estimate what you might pay using net price calculator.
- Learn about financial aid and other ways to pay.
- Set up and regularly contribute to a dedicated college savings account.
- Research scholarships you may qualify for in the future - keep a list!

GET ORGANIZED AND GET HELP

- Use Oregon Goes To College's templates and resources to help you stay organized.
- Create a file of important documents and a list of activities that you participate in.
 - Create a resume with this information.
- Practice writing college and scholarship essays.
- Create and use a professional e-mail.

RESOURCES

STAY CURIOUS

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➤ NAVIANCE- School Resource

This web-based planning software provides RHS students with tools for college and career planning. Students can access their personal accounts to take self-discovery assessments, explore colleges and careers, view the College Visit schedule, sign up for visits, and access a scholarship database.

OREGON GOES TO COLLEGE

- Oregon's go-to resource for information about getting ready for education beyond high school. Learn how to prepare, explore, apply, pay, and attend college.

OSAC

- Learn about Oregon's state financial aid programs including the Oregon Opportunity Grant, Oregon Promise, and OSAC scholarships.