



Texas GEAR UP Educator College-Prep Checklists

10th GRADE

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

- ❑ Inform students about how to earn college credit and prepare academically for college.

RESOURCES

- <https://professionals.collegeboard.org/guidance/prepare/honors-ap>
- <https://www.mappingyourfuture.org/successincollege/academicprep.cfm>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/inside-the-classroom/how-to-take-your-classes-to-the-next-level>

APPLYING FOR COLLEGE

- ❑ Give sophomores guidance on how to select the right college.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.texasgearup.com/educators-lounge/resources#activities>
- <http://www.educationplanner.org/students/preparing-for-school/find-schools/what-to-look-for.shtml>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>

- ❑ Describe how a college tour is the best way to learn what college is really like.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.nacacfairs.org/learn/search/the-college-visit/>
- <https://www.petersons.com/blog/Campus-Visits-College-Research-and-Your-College-List/>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/campus-visit-guide>

- ❑ Explain college admission requirements to help students plan their high school career.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/college-admissions-guide>
- <https://professionals.collegeboard.org/guidance/applications/decisions>
- <https://gpacalculator.net/admission/>

- ❑ **Teach students how to keep a record of honors and extracurricular activities for their college applications.**

RESOURCES

- <https://www.fastweb.com/college-search/articles/building-your-brag-sheet>
- <https://www.campusexplorer.com/college-advice-tips/E64ACAAB/How-to-Write-a-High-School-Brag-Sheet/>
- <https://www.shmoop.com/college/brag-sheet-resume-template.html>

- ❑ **Encourage summer activities as opportunities to identify career interests and improve extracurricular profiles.**

RESOURCES

- <https://www.princetonreview.com/college-advice/summer-activities-for-college-applications>
- <https://blog.prepscholar.com/summer-activities-for-high-school-students>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/outside-the-classroom/extracurriculars-matter-to-you-and-to-colleges>
- <https://blog.collegevine.com/50-summer-activities-for-high-school-students/>

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- ❑ **Introduce sophomores to the types of financial aid available to help pay for college.**

RESOURCES

- https://www.texasgearup.com/educators-lounge/resources/financialaid_9th10th
- <https://financialaidtoolkit.ed.gov/resources/finding-money-for-college.pptx>
- https://studentaid.ed.gov/sites/default/files/aid-glance-2018-19.pdf?_ga=2.251318478.993578859.1537186306-177166906.1535131139

- ❑ **Familiarize students with the financial aid application process by using the FAFSA4caster.**

RESOURCES

- <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/estimate>
- <https://www.nerdwallet.com/blog/loans/student-loans/fafsa4caster-accurate/>
- <https://www.aie.org/get-ready-for-college/paying-for-college/apply-financial-aid/>
- <https://www.edvisors.com/fafsa/estimate-aid/fafsa-forecaster/>

- ❑ **Teach sophomores money management skills to help prepare them for college.**

RESOURCES

- https://www.texasgearup.com/educators-lounge/resources/financialliteracy_9th10th
- <https://www.mymoney.gov/Pages/default.aspx>
- <https://www.cashcourse.org/>

PREPARING FOR CAREER

- ❑ Provide students with opportunities to identify personal and occupational interests to find a career that fits.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.texasgearup.com/discover>
- <https://www.mapmygrad.org/takethequiz>
- <http://www.educationplanner.org/students/career-planning/find-careers/index.shtml>

- ❑ Show sophomores how to explore their career options to help in selecting a college major.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.texasgearup.com/discover/explore>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers/careers>
- <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/occupation-finder.htm>