



Texas GEAR UP Educator College-Prep Checklists

11th GRADE

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE

- ❑ Provide juniors information on the benefits of Advanced Placement and dual credit classes.

RESOURCE

- <https://www.nacacfairs.org/learn/prep/earningcollegetcredit/>

- ❑ Present students some study skills to learn now that will help them with their college courses.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.texasgearup.com/hub/Note-Taking%20Tips>
- <https://www.texasgearup.com/hub/Study%20Tips>
- <http://www.studyingforcollege.com/>

APPLYING FOR COLLEGE

- ❑ Give juniors college planning guidance that shows exactly what to do when.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.texasgearup.com/hub/college-prep-tools>
- <https://www.nacacfairs.org/learn/apply/preparing-for-college-junior-check-list/>

- ❑ Help students intensify their college research to narrow their list of potential schools.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.nacacfairs.org/learn/search/college-types/>
- <https://www.nacacfairs.org/learn/prep/college-counseling-questionnaire/>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/find-colleges/how-to-find-your-college-fit/how-to-find-a-college-that-fits-you>

- ❑ **Share sample questions juniors should ask while on college tours and at college fairs to maximize their time there.**

RESOURCES

- <https://www.nacacfairs.org/learn/search/campus-visit-checklist/>
- <https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/national-college-fairs/college-fair-tips/>
- https://www.nacacfairs.org/attend/stem-college-and-career-fairs/STEM_fair_tips/

- ❑ **Disseminate information on what colleges value most in an application to help students prepare.**

RESOURCES

- <https://www.nacacfairs.org/learn/apply/admission-decisions-factors/>
- <https://www.aie.org/get-ready-for-college/preparing-for-college/beyond-the-books/five-things-college-admissions-officers-look/>

- ❑ **Help juniors become more familiar with college entrance exams and share test prep resources.**

RESOURCES

- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- <https://www.aie.org/get-ready-for-college/preparing-for-college/academics/college-entrance-exam-tips/>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-in/testing/which-college-admission-tests-do-i-need-to-take>

- ❑ **Share info with students on why it's important to clean up social media accounts before applying to college.**

RESOURCE

- <https://www.kaptest.com/study/college-admissions/college-admission-the-complete-guide-to-social-media/#>

- ❑ **Make sure juniors know that undocumented students can attend college.**

RESOURCES

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/get-started/for-undocumented-students>
- <https://www.nacacfairs.org/learn/apply/Undocumented/>

- ❑ **Support your first-generation students by passing along targeted resources that will help them navigate college and financial processes.**

RESOURCE

- <https://imfirst.org/>

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- ❑ Provide juniors information on the different types of financial aid to help pay for college.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.aie.org/get-ready-for-college/paying-for-college/financial-aid-101/>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid>
- https://www.texasgearup.com/hub/increasing_financial_aid

- ❑ Distribute information to students on why understanding college costs is crucial when researching schools.

RESOURCES

- https://www.texasgearup.com/hub/understanding_college_costs
- <https://www.aie.org/get-ready-for-college/paying-for-college/>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/college-costs/understanding-college-costs>

- ❑ Introduce juniors to the importance of FAFSA in unlocking most types of financial aid to help pay for college.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.aie.org/get-ready-for-college/paying-for-college/financial-aid-101/quick-tips-completing-fafsa/>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/financial-aid-101/7-things-you-need-to-know-about-financial-aid>

- ❑ Show students how scholarships can help them minimize out-of-pocket expenses and student loans.

RESOURCES

- <https://www.petersons.com/college-search/scholarship-search/>
- <http://www.college-scholarships.com/scholarship-information/free-scholarship-searches/>
- <https://www.texasgearup.com/dates-deadlines/scholarships>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/grants-and-scholarships/the-basics-on-grants-and-scholarships>

PREPARING FOR CAREER

- ❑ Help juniors identify college majors that match their career interest.

RESOURCES

- <https://collegemajors101.com/>
- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers>
- <https://www.bls.gov/k12/content/students/careers/career-exploration.htm>
- <http://www.educationplanner.org/students/career-planning/index.shtml>