

College Readiness Checklist

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10th Grade

Fall

- Practice makes perfect! Take the PSAT to get some practice and to familiarize yourself with the SAT.
- Get involved with your extracurricular and volunteer activities. Be a leader both inside and outside of school.
- Start preparing for the ACT by studying and taking practice tests.
- Your GPA counts! Stay on track with your courses. If you're struggling, ask your teachers and school counselors for help. Download helpful academic success resources from [FloridaShines](#).
- Don't forget to visit [MyCareerShines](#) to research careers that interest you.

Spring

- Begin your college search. Go to [FloridaShines](#) and check out the "Explore Institutions" section.
- Consider taking the [SAT](#) or [ACT](#). Ask your school's school counselor for more information about valuable prep tools.
- Assemble your professional resume. Even if you're not ready to get a job, learning how to write and present a resume is a skill that will come in handy throughout life. [MyCareerShines](#) offers a free resume builder.

Summer

- Plan a challenging 11th grade course load. Be sure to contact one of your school counselors to discuss Dual Enrollment courses.
- Find a summer job! A steady summer job can offer valuable work experience, allows you to network, and will help you along your path to college and a successful career. Plus, it looks great on your college application!
- Find programs and camps to attend.
- Check with your school counselor to decide if summer classes are appropriate.

