

College Planning Checklist



Freshman Year (9th Grade)

- ☐ Explore your interests & strengths
- ☐ Meet with your school counselor
- ☐ Start tracking academic achievements
- ☐ Join clubs or extracurriculars
- ☐ Set academic goals for GPA
- ☐ Create your Red Kite profile



Sophomore Year (10th Grade)

- ☐ Take PSAT (for practice + scholarships)
- ☐ Build your activity résumé
- ☐ Explore potential majors and careers
- ☐ Volunteer and gain leadership experience
- ☐ Attend a college fair (virtual/in-person)
- ☐ Begin exploring scholarship categories on Red Kite



Junior Year (11th Grade)

- ☐ Take SAT/ACT or prep classes
- ☐ Shortlist colleges & financial fit
- ☐ Ask teachers for recommendation letters
- ☐ Start writing a general scholarship essay
- ☐ Visit college campuses (or virtual tours)
- ☐ Set up Red Kite alerts for early-bird scholarships



Senior Year (12th Grade)

- ☐ Finalize college list
- ☐ Apply for FAFSA (October 1!)
- ☐ Submit college applications
- ☐ Apply for scholarships weekly via Red Kite
- ☐ Compare financial aid offers
- ☐ Make final decision & submit deposit
- ☐ Send final transcript to selected college