

# College Planning Checklist

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<b>Participate in extracurricular activities.</b>	This shows colleges that you have strong time management skills if you can do so while keeping your grades strong.
<b>Take on a leadership role.</b>	This will help you stand out in the college admission process.
<b>Consider if taking AP classes will help you.</b>	Pro Tip: It's not worth it to sacrifice your GPA for rigor so don't take something like this on if you think your other studies may suffer.
<b>Volunteer in your local community.</b>	Becoming a regular volunteer shows colleges that you are involved in your community and want to make a difference.
<b>Meet with your guidance counselor regularly.</b>	Your guidance counselor will be a major resource during your college search. The earlier you meet with them, the better.
<b>Master your study skills and notetaking skills.</b>	To make an easy transition to college classes, start developing good study habits and taking clear and effective notes while you're still in high school.
<b>Brush up on your writing skills.</b>	You're going to be writing a lot of papers in college. The better writer you are, the more prepared you will be for college.
<b>Visit college campuses.</b>	Do you see yourself at a big school or a small school? Do you want to go to a school in a city or in a more rural area? These are all important factors in your college search process that you can figure out by visiting as many college campuses as possible.
<b>Keep a running list of colleges you are interested in.</b>	This will help to keep you organized and will make it easier to narrow down your school list as you prepare to apply for colleges.

## Additional Tips:

- Finish ACT and SAT testing before senior year.
- Apply for both merit and private scholarships.

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The college process is very involved. From planning, to paperwork, to decisions, to the unknown, it is no easy task. POM provides answers, guidance, knowledge, suggestions, and as the name POM states: Peace of Mind.

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