

# 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Checklist

## **Graduation Requirements**

- Verify you are on-track for graduation and your diploma type.
- Talk with your guidance counselor to verify your credits and academic progress.
- Know which diploma you are earning and the graduation requirements needed.

## **Plan a college visit.**

- After you have researched various colleges and institutions that interest you, make sure you visit them. Plan a college visit over school breaks or during the summer. Be sure to call the colleges ahead of time for campus tour and open house information.
- If you intend to go on a college visit during the school day, be sure to complete a “College Visit” Form and turn it into student services 5 school days prior to your scheduled visit. These forms can be obtained in the Guidance office.
- Be sure to take a copy of your transcript with you to show an admission counselor. This is a great opportunity to get some feedback firsthand from admission representatives regarding your credentials.
- Meet with college representatives. Visit college admission representatives who come to Wayne. See the list and dates of the colleges who visit Wayne and sign up.
- Attend local and national college and career fairs. This is a great opportunity to meet with college representatives and receive information on vocational and trade schools, colleges and universities, apprenticeship programs, etc.

## **College Entrance Exams-SAT/ACT**

- All juniors will take the PSAT.
- If you plan to attend a 4-year college or university, register to take the SAT Reasoning Test and the ACT Plus Writing Test.
- Students are advised to take both exams in the spring or summer of their junior year.
- For test dates, locations, and to register, please visit [www.sat.collegeboard.org](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org) for the SAT Reasoning Test and [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for the ACT Plus Writing Test.

## **Create a challenging schedule for your senior year.**

- Strive for success in your junior year, especially 2nd semester. The grades you earn in your junior year are the last set of grades a post-secondary institution admission representative will see.
- Be sure to keep up with your academic progress by frequently checking your grades on Pinnacle.
- Get extra help from your teachers if you are struggling. Senior year is extremely important! Colleges will look for rigorous and challenging 12th grade coursework. Even though you may be “finished with your graduation requirements,” continue to take courses that will challenge you and prepare you for college coursework. Do your BEST in all classes, ALL the time!

## **Participate in extra-curricular activities.**

- Colleges will ask what, if any, activities you have been involved in throughout high school. Ask your guidance counselor about different clubs and organizations that you can become involved in at school. Start looking for summer jobs, internships, volunteer opportunities, etc.
- Involvement in extra-curricular activities not only engages you with your community, but shows time-management skills, self-discipline skills, citizenship skills, leadership skills etc. These are all characteristics that colleges will look for in potential students!