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11th Grade Checklist

**NEXT
STEPS**
IDAHO

Kicking into high gear. Your junior year is where momentum really starts to build.

There's a lot to do, but remember—the future looks bright.



FALL

Set up a meeting with your counselor.

Plan to meet several times this year. Have specific questions prepared each time and walk away with usable information and tasks.

Make sure you're taking the right classes.

You may want to consider taking additional credits in specific subject areas if you have a career goal in mind or if you're hoping to earn college credits prior to attending.

Keep your grades up.

The grades you're earning right now will impact your options next year. A solid GPA means you'll be eligible to enroll in Idaho public universities. A really strong GPA could mean more scholarship money. So stay focused and ask for help if you need it.

Do more than school.

Participating in extracurricular activities will help you get into college and can lead to scholarship opportunities. Whether it's school-based or a community activity, find something you can be passionate about and do it!



WINTER

Research schools and programs.

Whether you're headed to a four-year college or a professional/technical training school, start researching options now.

Plan for the SAT and/or ACT.

Get a study guide for the SAT and/or ACT and start to prepare for the entrance exam you plan to take. Be sure to register for the exams in advance.



SPRING

Get serious about your options.

Make plans to visit the schools that are most appealing to you. Think about applying to three or four institutions or programs. Be sure you include at least one "dream" school and one "safety school," so you have a reasonable expectation of getting accepted to at least one.

Time to test.

You should be studying and taking practice tests, so that you are entirely comfortable with the format, types of questions, and content areas that you'll be tested on.

Research scholarship options.

Like millions of students before you, you *can* pay for school. You just need to understand the process and investigate options and opportunities that make sense for you.

Get organized for your final year.

Develop a resume of high school activities and awards, if you haven't done so, and update as needed. Think about what you can do this summer to build your skills and add to that resume.

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