

# Lindale High School

## 11th Grade Year Countdown to College

### **August**

\_\_\_ Review your high school courses and activities. Colleges look for challenging coursework, strong grades, and extracurricular activities.

\_\_\_ Review your PSAT scores, then set up and link your [Khan Academy](#) account and your [College Board account](#) for study information.

\_\_\_ Review [National Merit Scholarship qualifications](#).

### **September**

\_\_\_ Consider signing up to take a Practice SAT and Practice ACT.

\_\_\_ Research colleges and browse college websites for information.

\_\_\_ List ten colleges in which you have interest in attending.

\_\_\_ Talk to your parents and your LHS school counselor about your list of colleges. Research the cost of tuition for each college. Make decisions together about which ones to eliminate and which ones to keep on the list.

### **October**

\_\_\_ Take the PSAT.

### **November**

\_\_\_ Talk as a family about how much you can afford to spend for your education.

\_\_\_ Learn about eligibility requirements for federal and private student loans.

### **December**

\_\_\_ Study for final exams

\_\_\_ Update your resume

### **January**

\_\_\_ Plan for the next round of tests; [SAT](#) and/or [ACT](#).

### **February**

\_\_\_ Investigate private scholarships and other financial aid programs.

\_\_\_ Check with your parents' employers, local membership organizations, and programs related to your intended course of study.

\_\_\_ Make the most of spring break by visiting your colleges of interest.

\_\_\_ Register and study for the [SAT](#) and the [ACT](#).

\_\_\_ Research Advanced Placement (AP), and Dual Credit through Tyler Junior College for courses you might like to take.

### **March/April**

\_\_\_ Now that you have visited the colleges on your list, narrow your choices to no more than five.

\_\_\_ Schedule an admissions interview and an overnight stay. Take time at each school's financial aid office to collect information.

\_\_\_ Begin preparing essays for admission and scholarship applications.

\_\_\_ Take the SAT and/or the ACT.

\_\_\_ Mark your calendar with the dates for future tests.

\_\_\_ Enroll in TJC Dual Credit or AP courses

### **May/June**

\_\_\_ Take the SAT and/or the ACT.

\_\_\_ Plan summer activities such as a job or volunteer work.

\_\_\_ Study for final exams.

\_\_\_ Update your resume.

### **July/August**

\_\_\_ Start preparing and submitting your college applications through [ApplyTexas](#) or [CommonAp](#)

\_\_\_ Write your College Application Essay

\_\_\_ Apply for Colleges & Universities

