

# 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE COLLEGE-READINESS CHECKLIST

## FALL

- Check-in with your academic counselor.** Sign-up for credit recovery courses for any class you received a D or F in.
- Review/create your 4-year academic plan and take courses from the A-G course list**

| CATEGORY                        | NUMBER OF YEARS REQUIRED            |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. History/Social Science       | 2 years required                    |
| b. English                      | 4 years required                    |
| c. Mathematics                  | 3 years required, 4 yrs recommended |
| d. Laboratory Science           | 2 years required, 3 yrs recommended |
| e. Language other than English  | 2 years required, 3 yrs recommended |
| f. Visual & Performing Arts     | 1 year required                     |
| g. College-Preparatory Elective | 1 year required                     |

- Register for the October PSAT early (priority is given to Juniors)**
- Attend East Bay Consortium’s College Info Day in October at UC Berkeley**
- Attend college fairs & participate in college week**
- Participate in extracurricular activities that interest you!** Colleges and universities not only look at students’ academic record, but also involvement within the school and community.

## WINTER

- Begin researching colleges** that interest you, as well as research your financial aid options
- Review your PSAT results with a guidance counselor**
- Seek out tutoring/help in subjects that are difficult for you**
- Create a college email account where you can have colleges send you information about their campuses.** This email should be professional! (Example: [johnsmith@gmail.com](mailto:johnsmith@gmail.com))

## SPRING

- Review your 4-year academic plan while you decide your 11<sup>th</sup> grade courses**
- Sign-up for AP & Honor courses for next year.** Taking rigorous courses not only prepare you for college-level work, but also helps you become a competitive applicant when applying for colleges.
- Explore summer school options to get ahead: community college, summer programs, etc.**
- Look for a summer job and/or volunteer work**
- Continue researching colleges that interest you.** Some things to consider: location, major, size of school, student life, cost of attendance, etc.

## SUMMER

- Volunteer, take summer courses at a community college, and/or obtain a summer job**
- Review your academic plans for the following year**
- Visit local & distant college and university campuses, if possible**
- Talk to local students, teachers, and family members about their experiences in college**
- Stay active!**