



Complete August through Early December (fall):

1. ___ Continue discussing your future goals with family and talk to your school counselor to determine resources available to support your future plans
 - Discuss admission testing required for your post-secondary plans
 - Gather information on post-secondary schools and programs
 - Begin planning for financial assistance
 - Bright Futures and other scholarships; start saving up
2. ___ Join a school club, organization, sports team, or other extracurricular activities
3. ___ Begin preparing for the PSAT. Utilize College Board to take practice tests
4. ___ Take interest inventories to explore and identify possible career options
 - <http://mynextmove.org/explore/ip>
 - www.careeronestop.org
 - https://www.flchoices.org/Career_Planning/Learn_About_Yourself/default.aspx
5. ___ Evaluate your transcript with your school counselor and review requirements for graduation, vocational schools, and state college and university admissions
6. ___ Concentrate on your grades and review courses for the year to take as many rigorous classes as you can handle
 - Work towards taking challenging classes such as Advanced Placement (AP), dual enrollment, and AICE Cambridge
 - Research advantages and requirements for Florida Southwestern State College's Dual Enrollment and FGCU's Accelerated College Experience programs
7. ___ Attend Parent/Student Night at your school
8. ___ Attend College Night at Golden Gate High School in September
9. ___ Create a resume if you have not done so, or continue to update it
10. ___ Register for the PSAT (your school might do this for you)
 - Take the PSAT as a practice SAT and for National Merit and other scholarship opportunities
11. ___ Participate in extracurricular activities that interest you and get involved in the community
 - You need 30 Community Service Hours to qualify for the Florida Gold Seal Scholarship, 75 hours to qualify for the Florida Medallion Scholarship and 100 hours to qualify for the Florida Academic Scholarship
 - Prior to volunteer meet with your school counselor for approved sites and to get desired site approved. You will obtain the community service form from your school counselor
12. ___ Research colleges and programs available while in high school or once in college to help you gain real-world learning experiences
 - Including summer camps, study abroad, research opportunities, department programs

13. ____ Develop a study and preparation plan for the ACT and SAT to begin in the spring semester
 - ACT/SAT should be completed during 10th grade year if considering FSW dual enrollment or FGCU ACE
14. ____ Visit your school counselor to discuss your plans for the future and explore college choices and college planning programs available, such as Champions For Learning College & Career Preparation Program, AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination), Quest, CROP, etc

Complete Mid-December through February (winter):

15. ____ Start preparing for SAT, SAT Subject Tests, and/or ACT
 - Look for SAT/ACT prep courses
 - www.Majortests.com
 - www.act.org
 - www.collegeboard.org
 - www.princetonreview.com
 - www.number2.com
16. ____ Plan to participate in an internship or volunteer opportunity during the school year and over the summer to gain real-world experience in a field of interest or potential career path

Complete March through July (spring):

17. ____ Meet with your school counselor to determine if the FSW dual enrollment or FGCU ACE programs are a good option for you (Great way to earn college credit while in high school and work toward Associate's degree)
18. ____ Research scholarship opportunities and criteria
 - Community Foundation of Collier County: <https://www.swflscholarships.org/>
 - Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAid.org
 - Raise.me Micro Scholarships: <https://www.raise.me/>
 - SallieMae Scholarship: <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/college-scholarships/>
19. ____ Mark calendar with the ACT and SAT registration deadlines for fall and spring of 11th grade
 - Fee waivers available for students on free and reduced meals. Speak with your school counselor or register online with Collier County Public Schools
 - Register for ACT/SAT tests
 - Visit: <http://sat.collegeboard.com/register/sat-dates>
 - Visit: <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/dates.html>

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