

10th Grade Year

Fall Term

1. Homeless youth, their parents or guardian should locate the Georgia McKinney-Vento Liaison representative for their school district. The McKinney-Vento Liaison addresses the problems that homeless children and youth face enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. **Click** to locate your representative: [High School Resources - \(dreamconnect.org\)](http://dreamconnect.org)
2. Ask your counselor about taking the Preliminary SAT (PSAT/NMSQT). The Preliminary SAT is designed to familiarize you with the format of this standardized test. Ask for a fee waiver from College Board, National College Fairs, and Act: [SAT Fee Waivers – SAT Suite | College Board; https://www.nacacfairs.org/learn/fee-waiver/](https://www.nacacfairs.org/learn/fee-waiver/); [Fee Waiver Program | ACT](#)
 - An incentive for taking PSAT/NMSQT test is the possibility of receiving a National Merit Scholarship
the test also helps to prepare you for the SAT in your junior year and it allows your name to be given to colleges to begin receiving information from them.
Link to “How to decide whether to take the ACT or SAT?” below:
<https://blog.prepscholar.com/do-you-need-to-take-both-the-act-and-sat>.
Ask your counselor about the PLAN assessment program offered by American College Testing (ACT).
 - The PLAN Assessment helps you to identify your strengths and weakness and it allows you to plan for your academic and career future.
3. Keep track of your classes. Work with your counselor, academic advisor, your parents (if present) or your homeroom teacher to make sure you are enrolled in the classes that you need to prepare for college or a career. Your class schedule should include required classes like English, math, science, history, and foreign languages.
4. Research the college admission process & your “potential” career
 - check you counselor’s office for general college entrance requirements & your career interests
 - check the library for general college entrance requirements/potential career interests, and
 - use the internet to search for college general requirements and “potential” careers (**Don’t overlook state schools: link to Public Colleges and Universities of Georgia:** <https://www.usg.edu/institutions/>)

Winter Term

1. Expand your participation in extracurricular activities to develop leadership skills and get involved in school sponsored community service and other volunteer activities.
2. Read & write. Read as many books as you can, read newspapers and magazines to learn about and keep up with current events and affairs. Practice your writing. You need good writing skills for college and your career interests (*link to "Samples of College entrance Essays"*): [How to Write a College Essay | Best Colleges | US News; https://blog.prepscholar.com/college-essay-examples-that-worked-expert-analysis-what-do-colleges-look-for-in-an-essay? \(scribbr.com\)](https://blog.prepscholar.com/college-essay-examples-that-worked-expert-analysis-what-do-colleges-look-for-in-an-essay? (scribbr.com))
3. Schedule a meeting with your counselor to discuss the results of the PSAT and to ask about your postsecondary enrollment options, Advance Placement (AP) classes and Dual Enrollment. **Check-out** the high school resource page on Dream Connect: [High School Resources - \(dreamconnect.org\)](https://www.dreamconnect.org/high-school-resources) for additional information.

Spring/Summer Terms

1. Keep up your grades (it may be hard, do your best and ask for help)
2. Start your college search.
3. Reach out to schools that interest you
4. Consider taking the SAT Subject Tests for courses you have taken (in May or June).
5. Get a Summer Job (*check with your McKinney-Vento District Homeless Liaison representative and your high school counselor for leads on a summer jobs*).