

11th Grade of High School

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 - \(dreamconnect.org\)](https://www.dreamconnect.org/)
 - Determine when you will be taking the SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests, and AP exams. Request a fee waiver from the College Board, the National College Fairs or ACT: [SAT Fee Waivers – SAT Suite | College Board](https://collegeboard.org/sat-fee-waivers); NACAC: <https://www.nacacfairs.org/learn/fee-waiver/> ; [Fee Waiver Program | ACT](https://www.nacacfairs.org/learn/fee-waiver/)
2. Make sure you are meeting all requirements for the tests, and have taken required classes, if you do not know ask your high school counselor/academic advisor.
3. If you want to play Division I or II sports in college, you will need to be certified, check with your high school counselor and coach on when to start the certification process, also verify with them whether you are taking the classes that meets NCAA requirements.

Winter Term

1. Continue to expand your leadership roles on the teams, groups, and clubs that you are a member of.
2. Organize all college correspondence and printed material so that you can narrow down your school choices and rank them so you can focus your attention on those schools that are your top priority.
3. Prepare to take the SAT, ACT, or SAT Subject Tests.
 - Meet with your counselor to register to take the tests you need; you will be able to retake a test if you do not perform as well as you like.
4. Research Financial Aid (check out the college resource page on Dream Connect: [College Resources - \(dreamconnect.org\)](https://www.dreamconnect.org/)).
 - Learn about FAFSA.

- Learn about Georgia Hope Grants and Scholarships.
- Learn how to locate & apply for other grants and scholarships.

Spring/Summer Terms

1. Arrange a School visit.
2. Organize your financial aid information to know what is needed for all the aid sources you are seeking and their deadlines.
3. Start your application essay (ask for help if you need it, start with your English teacher, or use the resources on [College Resources - \(dreamconnect.org\)](#)).
4. Decide if you want to apply for an early decision. If you do apply for an early decision, you must start working on your application as soon as possible to meet those deadlines. They are much sooner than the regular applicant deadline.