

COLLEGE BOUND MICHIGAN

11th Grade Checklist

September

- ☐ Review your Graduation Plan
- ☐ Review and complete steps on the [College Planning Calendar](#)
- ☐ Talk to your counselor or advisor about what you might want to do after high school and explore your options

October

- ☐ Take the PSAT
- ☐ Participate in College Month events
- ☐ Explore college options
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- ☐ Visit with college admissions representatives who visit your school
- ☐ Go on college visits
- ☐ Explore the different Michigan College options via a college fair, a campus visit or the [Michigan Institution Updates webpage](#)
- ☐ Start thinking about the type of school you would like to attend and how you might pay for college (savings, scholarships, financial aid) and talk to your parent/caregiver about your options.

November

- ☐ Create an account with [BigFuture](#)
- ☐ You can earn scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 by completing individual college planning steps. Complete all six steps and you'll be eligible for the \$40,000 scholarship.

December

- ☐ Start exploring your college interests
- ☐ Explore colleges of interest and build and save a college list on [BigFuture™](#) with at least six (6) schools. You must be logged in to BigFuture™ using your College Board account.

January-March

- ☐ Prepare for the SAT
- ☐ Access your PSAT results

April

- ☐ Take the SAT
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- ☐ Reflect on the experience and decide if you plan to retake the SAT. Talk to your counselor about options.

May-August

- ☐ Reflect on SAT results
- ☐ Review SAT results and reflect on how this impact your college plans.
- ☐ Sign up to retake the SAT if applicable and PRACTICE!
- ☐ Continue exploring college interests
- ☐ Revisit your college list on [BigFuture™](#).
- ☐ Visit colleges you are interested in

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Plan for college applications

- ☐ Begin drafting your personal statement essay (ask English teacher for support)
- ☐ Engage in summer programs, activities, or a job to help build your resume/BRAG sheet
- ☐ Create a [BRAG sheet](#) for essays and/or summer job applications