

Postsecondary Planning Timeline for Students



11th Grade

First Quarter

Action Steps

- Ensure that you are enrolled in recommended courses needed for college admission.
- Reflect on your grades thus far in high school and make a plan to earn the best grades possible to boost your GPA. Remember that colleges look at the cumulative GPA you have earned during the first three years of high school as you apply at the beginning of senior year.
- Update your college list on Scoir by adding schools to the "Following" tab to begin further research.
- Consider taking the PSAT to potentially qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Attend college visits either in person or virtually. You may engage in virtual college tours on YouVisit on Scoir and follow-up with college representatives.
- Attend college/career fair to receive information on potential schools.
- Attend M-DCPS' College Month Virtual Workshop series in October to begin planning for next year's application process.
- Prepare to fully participate in your Transition Individual Education Plan (TIEP) meeting this year. The TIEP meeting will assist you in connecting with agency support like Vocation Rehabilitation and the Agency for Persons with Disabilities. This meeting will also include consideration of deferral of receipt of standard high school diploma for participation in postsecondary programs.

Resources

- [CollegeBoard- Why Take the PSAT Now](#)
- [Study Skills for Students](#)
- [Study and Practice for the PSAT/NMSQT](#)
- [4 Things to Consider in Choosing a College or Career School](#)
- [NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Student-Athlete](#)
- [National Merit Scholarship Program Guide](#)
- [Transition Programs and Services – Deferral of Receipt of the Standard High School Diploma](#)



Second Quarter

Action Steps

- Continue exploration of college and career options. Be reminded that you can complete and/or review the career assessment and reflection on YouScience in Scoir. Once this is completed you may want to update your college lists and adjust the schools you are "Following" on Scoir based on your results.
- Begin researching upcoming scholarship opportunities and your eligibility for them.
- Prepare and register for the SAT/ACT throughout spring and summer. Inquire about your eligibility for a testing fee waiver.
- Remember to use your PSAT results to identify your strengths and weaknesses as you prepare for the SAT.
- Use Khan Academy for free test preparation and to link prior PSAT scores for custom test preparation.
- Study for any upcoming AP exams.
- Consider which advanced courses you want to take next year that best meet the requirements of your college preferences.
- If you are exploring the possibility of joining one of the branches of the military, begin talking to recruiters and take the ASVAB exam.
- Make plans to attend the Miami National College Fair.

Resources

- [How Do I Link My Khan Academy Account to CollegeBoard?](#)
- [Using YouScience to Identify Your Strengths](#)
- [CollegeBoard- Find Your Scholarship Matches](#)
- [CAP Paying for College Webpage](#)
- [The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery Test \(ASVAB\)](#)



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