

# ***To-Do List!!!***

## ***11th Grade Suggested Courses and Activities...***

- Make sure the you are completing your ***A through G Requirements*** - Take Geometry, Algebra II, or higher level **Math**; honors **English**; an honors level Lab **Science** (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, etc); honors/AP **US History**; and a **language** other than English (ex.; Spanish, French, etc).

### **Sample Schedule:**

1. Honors American Literature/Contemporary Composition (or AP Eng Lang)
  2. Honors Physics (or AP Chemistry)
  3. Honors US History (or AP US History)
  4. Math (Geometry, Algebra 2, Math Analysis, AP Calculus A/B, AP Statistics, etc)
  5. Honors Spanish 3A/B or Honors French 3A/B
  6. College Prep Elective
- **Try to earn A and B grades in all your classes.** Colleges and Universities use your grades from 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade to calculate your Grade Point Average (GPA). **This is especially important during the junior year. Having A's and B's will keep your GPA at 3.00 or above.**
    - If you get a "D" or Fail on your final Report Card, make sure that you speak to Mr. Zekofsky about signing up for Summer School.
  - Meet with Mr. Zekofsky to **make sure you are on track and taking the college preparatory classes needed for UC and CSU admission.**
  - Attend College and University Night programs and meet with campus outreach representatives when they visit your high school. **See Ms. Charlton in room 510 for dates.**
  - **Visit college campuses.** Take a campus tour and listen to presentations about academic programs, admission requirements, and financial aid. Bring your student transcripts listing courses completed since the 9th grade.
  - Continue **Volunteering** – Medical Magnet students are required to complete a minimum of 100 hours in a medical facility; however it is recommended that all students participate in volunteer activities.
  - **Take part in clubs, sports, enrichment programs, internships, special summer workshops or camps** at UC, CSU, and other college campuses in music, science, engineering, writing, filmmaking, theater, language, and many other subjects.
  - Update your **College Plan** with the courses you completed in the 10th grade and your current 11th grade classes. <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/make-a-plan>

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In addition to your focus on your schoolwork, you will now need to **take a series of preparatory examinations.**

- **In September register for the PSAT (Preliminary SAT)**, a practice exam for the SAT, which is required for several national scholarships, such as the National Merit, National Achievement, and the National Hispanic Scholarship programs. Learn more about the PSAT/NMSQT here. This test is offered in October through the College Office (room 510).
- **Take the PSAT** and use the results to see where you are strong and where you need to improve in order to be ready for college.
- If taking Advanced Placement subjects, **register to take the AP exams in the spring.** Scoring well will give you credit for college-level courses!
- Begin thinking about **when to take college entrance exams (SAT or ACT).** If you take the exam in the spring or summer, you will receive the results in time to determine if you need to retake the test in the fall. Discuss this with your counselor. Register for the exam one month before the test date.
- Prepare for the SAT or ACT by reviewing books with testing tips and sample questions. These can be found in bookstores, libraries, and schools, or accessed on the Internet. Attend a workshop on how to prepare for these entrance exams. Financial aid may be available for some workshops or for the test fee.
- **When you take the California Standards Test (CST), make sure that you answer the supplemental items.** *These comprise the CSU's Early Assessment Program (EAP) in mathematics and English Language Arts. The results of these tests will help you make the best use of your senior year.*

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