

PLANNING CALENDAR FOR 11TH GRADE GIFTED STUDENTS

- _____ Save for college.
- _____ Continue your reading program. Get a College-Bound Reading List in the North Alcove.
- _____ Challenge yourself academically. You are tied to your transcript for college applications.
- _____ Maintain volunteer activities and keep a log of them. Consider reading to younger students, helping with child care, running the School Carnival, helping with the American Heart Association walk.
- _____ Seek leadership positions in your school or extracurricular organizations. If you don't want to run for office, offer to chair a committee.
- _____ Add to your composition file.
- _____ Enter essay contests.
- _____ Consider Advanced Placement classes.
- _____ Concentrate on developing your study skills.
- _____ Take the PSAT/NMSQT test. Read the information booklet thoroughly and practice the questions provided. Attend study sessions. (This is the National Merit Qualifying test.)
- _____ Pay special attention to vocabulary development in all your classes.
- _____ Formulate a list of possible colleges and investigate those choices in detail. Fill out comparison chart for each one. Write to your top choices for information.
- _____ Narrow the list of colleges you are interested in and visit the schools you can.
- _____ Go to college fairs and presentations by college representatives.
- _____ Update your academic resume. Work on one with Ms. Steinkuehler if you don't already have one.
- _____ Write personal narrative and resume.
- _____ Take the SAT and ACT as early as this summer. Attend Test Preparation Sessions.
- _____ Maintain your GPA and take the American High School Math Exam.
- _____ Start your scholarship search. Find out about scholarships and federal student aid opportunities. www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov and www.scholarships.com. Get a Scholarship Book in the North Alcove.
- _____ Work on an independent project to be displayed in spring at "Best of West"/Zeitgist
- _____ Summer: Work at a paying job if it works with your family's schedule, consider taking summer courses at Washburn, or taking on leadership opportunities (Boys State/Girls State, KU Leadership, etc.)