

### 10th Grade Advisement

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### 10th Grade Advisement Graduation Requirements

Graduation: 22 total credits, passing of all required courses & pass all sections of GHST

Graduation Requirements	College Prep Credits	Career/Vocational Prep
English	4	4
Math	4	3
Science	3	3
Social Studies	3	3
Foreign Language	2	0
Health & PE	1/2 & 1/2	1/2 & 1/2
Career Tech		4
Fine Arts, ROTC, Career, Foreign Lang	1	1
Additional Courses	4	3

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Preparing for Life After High School

Checklist



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- Meet with your counselor to discuss your college plans. Review your schedule with him or her to make sure you're enrolled in challenging classes that will help you prepare for college.
- Use <u>College Search</u> to find out the required courses and tests of colleges that you might be interested in attending.
- Start a calendar with important dates and deadlines.
- Sign up for the PSAT/ NMSQT, which is given in October. Ask your counselor which date is offered at your school. Get free online PSAT/ NMSQT practice.
- Get more involved in your extracurricular activities.
- **10** Go to college fairs in your area.

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- Learn about college cost and how financial aid works.
- Use the College Savings Calculator to see how much money you'll need to see whether you're on track to save enough, and what you need to do to reach that amount. Talk to your parents about financing college.
- Wisit colleges while they are in session.
- Talk to your counselor and teachers about taking the SAT Subject Tests this spring. Take Subject Tests such as World History, Biology, and Chemistry while the material is still fresh in your mind.
- Find out about college firsthand from college friends who are home for the breaks.

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O Sign up for college preparatory courses. Consider AP courses.

- O Look for great summer opportunities-job, internship, or volunteer positions.
- O Check with your counselor and search online for summer school programs at colleges.
- O Study for May AP Exams. Get free AP preparation.
- O Go to college fairs in your area.

# 10th Grade Advisement Checklist Summer

- Start a summer reading list. Ask your teachers to recommend books.
- Plan to visit college campuses to get a feel for your options.
- Finalize your summer plans.



## 10th Grade Advisement PSAT INFO

- Excellent way to prepare for college & the SAT
- Compete for national scholarships: NMSQT
- **\*\*ONMSQT: National Merit Scholarship** (11th Graders)
- For more info: www.collegeboard.com

# 10th Grade Advisement PLAN INFO



- O Great way to get familiar with & prepare for the ACT
- Identifies your academic strengths & weaknesses to know if you've developed the skills & knowledge needed to succeed in college
- You will even receive information from colleges interested in you!
- Melps you learn about careers that match your interests.
- Described the Learning about the world of work now will help you chooses your college major later.

For more info: www.act.org or www.actstudent.org

## 10th Grade Advisement Career Search Engine

#### **Internet Search Engines**

Internet search engines can help you find valuable resources for college. Here are some keywords that could help with your research: financial aid, scholarships, grants, student aid, fellowships, gift aid, student loan, college, university, tuition, CAREER, postsecondary.



Alta vista: www.altavista.com Looksmart: www.looksmart.com

Excite: www.excite.com Lycos: www.lycos.com

Google: www.google.com MSN search: ww.msn.com

GOTO: www.goto.com Yahoo: www.yahoo.com

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#### **Career Search Engines**

The Internet is a valuable tool for finding information about various careers.

- Mapping Your Futurewww.mapping-your-future.org
- Military Career Guide Onlinewww.militarycareers.com
- Monster.com: http://www.monster.com/
- My Future:www.myfuture.com
- ReadyMinds.com: www.petersons.com/readyminds
- Bureau of Labor Statistics http://stats.bls.gov/
- © Career Mosaic http://www.careermosaic.com
- © CareerSEARCH http://www.jobbankusa.com
- © Career Assessmenthttp://www.pearsonassessments.com
- Interest Inventorywww.humanmetrics.com/cgi-win/JTypes2.asp
- © Career Inventorywww.princetonreview.com/cte/quiz/career\_quiz2.asp
- Choosing a Careerhttp://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/career/students/

# 10th Grade Advisement Career Cruising

Career search engine: www.careercruising.com

**User name: shs** 

**Password: tigers** 

Career Cruising offers a wealth of information regarding career exploration, college/university explorations, and career portfolio builder

### 10th Grade Advisement GAcollege411.org

What is GAcollege411?

- © GAcollege411 is a mentor system. A mentor system is an online resource to help students and their families select a college, apply for admission, and plan to finance higher education.
  - The mission of GAcollege411 is to: 1) increase access to postsecondary education in the state of Georgia and, 2) simplify the tasks and processes related to planning, applying, and paying for higher education.
  - O GAcollege411 offers access to comprehensive information about colleges, universities, and technical colleges in Georgia. The site also enables students to apply for admission to each school listed. Note: Although the mentor site is free, students are responsible for whatever fees are charged by a college upon submitting an application for admission.

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- GACOTTEGE 411 Helping Students Plan, Apply, and Pay for College Create an account to keep track of:

  Courses, grades, honors, awards,
- **✓ Extracurricular activities**
- **✓ Career explorations**
- **✓ Test scores**
- ✓ College choices

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Setting up your My411 is easy:

- Go to GAcollege411.org & click on the Create an Account link in the left bar
- Fill in your information
- Use your secure account to take advantage of all the resources available on the site

### 10th Grade Advisement Study Skills DEVELOPING EFFECTIVE STUDY SKILLS

As Inspired by 7 Habits of Highly Effective People (Stephen Covey)

Developing effective study skills is a personal journey. You must take a proactive stance and commit to incorporating the following habits:

- 1. Take responsibility for yourself. A sense of responsibility is a sign of maturity; it indicates your readiness to face the consequences of your decisions, and your confidence in mapping out your priorities.
- 2. Stand by your own hierarchy of values. The opinions of friends and people we admire are important; but you should be able to stand up for what you think is right.
  - 3. Stick to your goals. You have priorities to live up to; follow up on the priorities you have set for yourself, do not give in to the temptation of adapting the goals of your peers to assure yourself that you belong.
- 4. Identify your key productivity periods and places. Some people are morning people; some are afternoon people, while others are evening or nocturnal people. Figure out which time of the day you are most productive and maximize these periods by studying the most challenging subjects at these times.
- 5. Always try to see your glass as half-full. If it's worth doing, it's worth doing well so acknowledge yourself as a winner when you do your best in your studies; if you are content with your performance; a high grade serves as mere icing on the cake. It doesn't matter if you perform well for yourself, for your peers or for your professor; it's good to give yourself a pat on the back every once in a while.
- 6. Be proactive; if there is a portion of the course material you don't understand and you feel that the text you have is insufficient, go to the library and find a better reference or go online; you can also ask classmates or the professor.
- 7. And finally, don't slack off. If you are beginning to get the hang of things, don't give in to the temptation to be complacent -- instead find ways to make your academic routine more challenging than usual.

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**Explore the Possibilities** 

