

# 11<sup>th</sup> GRADE

## *The Journey Continues*

It's only one more year until you begin the college application process! Keep making progress so you will be prepared and research all opportunities available to you. Seek out your high school counselor for additional information and advice.

- 1) If your TAKS 10th Grade College Readiness Indicator shows you're not ready for college work, meet with your counselor to create a plan so that you'll be prepared when you graduate.
- 2) Take the most challenging courses possible and sign up for summer enrichment programs. Earn college credit in high school by taking Advanced Placement (AP), Dual Credit, and Tech Prep courses. Most of these courses are available to students by the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.
- 3) Attend college nights, college fairs, and other informative events. Discuss where you want to go to college with your parents. Visit as many colleges as possible, making use of the college days provided by your school district.
- 4) Cultivate relationships with teachers and administrators who may be willing to write letters of recommendation for you next year.

## *Information on Preparing for College*

<http://www.collegeboard.com> and <http://www.actstudent.org> SAT and ACT test dates, registration and college information.  
<http://www.finaid.org> Financial aid information site.  
<http://collegefortexans.com/index.cfm?objectid=6316E4DD-C14F-738B-0D78B8A1D99D9DC8> "Which College is Right for You?"  
<http://www.coin3.com/> Coin provides self and career exploration  
<http://www.connectedu.net/corp/index.html> ConnectEdu provides comprehensive college planning, student tracking, and high school counseling tools.  
<http://www.cfid.net/dept2/counseling/contents.htm> Cy-Fair ISD Guidance and Counseling website with comprehensive college, career, and financial aid information.

## *Student's Planning Guide*

- Plan to take the PSAT given in October. Use the access code on your PSAT score report to sign in to My College QuickStart™. With this personalized planning kit, you can prepare for the SAT using a study plan based on your PSAT results and explore lists of suggested colleges, majors, and careers.
- Expand your record of activities and/or community service. Actively pursue leadership positions.
- Make lists of your abilities, preferences, and personal qualities. Make a list of what you may want to study and do in college.
- List 10 colleges you are interested in attending and get on their mailing lists to request catalogs, admissions requirements, and financial aid information. Visit as many as possible and take advantage of college days offered by your school.
- Plan your testing schedule by signing up to take the SAT and ACT this year. Prepare for the SAT and ACT by individual practice, utilizing free test preparation materials, or taking a commercial preparation course. Take appropriate AP exams.
- Plan summer enrichment activities to further your career and college plans.