



10th Grade College Preparedness Timeline

School Year Focus: Maintain a strong GPA and expand your identity outside the classroom.

September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create organizational and study systems to start off your courses on a strong foot. • Commit to an extracurricular activity for the duration of the school year. Ex: clubs at Valor, job, church or civic activity, volunteer, sports, music/art lessons, etc.
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend College Rep Visits on campus to start learning about what colleges offer and what type of college might fit you best! • Review your study skills and organizational habits. Can you improve upon these? Make sure to keep all tests and quizzes to help you study for finals. • Take the CLT and PSAT this month. You can create a study plan on Khan Academy if you desire. You can earn scholarship money on the CLT this year and can use both exams as practice to familiarize yourself with timed testing.
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take some time to think about how you want to spend your summer. Many summer program applications are due in the spring. You can take a class at ACC or join a summer program at many universities around the country. You can spend your summer working, attending a camp or learning a new skill. Consider creating a backyard camp for younger kids or offer to tutor someone. Start thinking about this now and ask your counselor if you need some guidance.
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Time to update your resume. Update the information in the shoe box/file you began in 9th grade if needed.
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you travel over spring break, take a couple of hours out of your schedule to tour a local college. If you stay in town, consider visiting a local university or enjoying a new part of Austin!
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the Austin National College Fair at the Palmer Events Center
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study for final exams. Create a study group and ask your teachers for help. You are almost halfway through high school so try to finish academically strong.