

College “To do” list for 11th grade students

1. Sign up for the SAT and/or ACT (www.collegeboard.com and/or www.actstudent.org) Studies show that students who practice can improve their scores. Students may use the practice tests on the websites, in prep books, prep cd’s, and prep courses. Also, students may improve scores by choosing challenging classes to take at school (i.e. AP classes, more math, more science, more foreign language).
2. PSAT Test Takers: See College QuickStart, an easy-to-use, online, personalized college and career planning kit comprised of four main sections.
 - a. My Online Score Report is an enhanced score report that allows students to review each test question, the student’s answer, and the correct answer with answer explanations.
 - b. My SAT Study Plan is a customized SAT study plan based on student PSAT/NMSQT test performance, highlighting skills for review and practice.
 - c. My College Matches is a starter list of colleges based on the student’s state and indicated choice of major.
 - d. My Major and Career Matches are compatible with the student’s general interests and personality type.

My College QuickStart will be available for 2007 test-takers in mid-December. Student access codes will be found on their paper score report and on your school's roster of student scores and plans. Students will have access to My College QuickStart throughout their high school careers.

3. Register for PrepHQ at www.prephq.com (School or Program ID is txbellaire. Then go to “click here to register”. PrepHQ has scholarship info, college search information, college visit information, a resume maker to complete, summer programs, and more.
4. Search for colleges. Use the following search engines for starters: www.prephq.com , www.princetonreview.com , and www.collegeboard.com . Plan to attend upcoming events designed for 11th grade students.
5. Mark your calendar for the following events designed for students in grade 11.

- **The Linda Lorelle Scholarship Fund 4th Annual College Preparatory Conference January 19, 2008 Online Registration is Now Open to All High School Students and Guests – To register, go to www.lindalorelle.org (Also take a look at the scholarship for students in grades 10 and 11.**
- **Financial Aid Meeting** – January 29th at 7 p.m. in the Bellaire High School Auditorium. The meeting will also be presented in Spanish in the Multi-purpose room.
- **Career and Education Day (FREE)** – Saturday, Feb. 9th, from 8-2 at the George R. Brown Convention Center – Lots of good information for all high school students – sponsored by the Houston Hispanic Forum
- **11th Grade College Night** – Tuesday, February 19th, at 7 p.m. in the Bellaire High School Auditorium – College Access Counselor, Mrs. Rubin, will explain the college application process.
- **National College Fair**, Sunday, April 6, 1-3 p.m., sponsored by the National Association of College Admission Counselors

6. Plan college visits. Make appointments for tours. Be sure to ask current students what they like and don’t like about the college. This is probably the best way to find your “best fit” school. Make up your mind based on your own needs, not your friends’ needs
7. Get to know College Admission Representatives. Some college reps actually keep count of the number of times that students (not parents) make contact, either by e-mail, college visits, meetings with reps. Ask lots of questions. Remember that the answers to your questions differ from college to college.
8. The spring counselor meeting is very important. Be prepared with questions to ask. Choose challenging classes for your senior year. College admission representatives look at the strength of your classes for your senior year. Choose carefully, because the school’s master schedule is built around your requests.

You will not be able to drop and add classes in the fall semester. Make any changes BEFORE you leave school for the summer break.