

College Prep Checklist

Sophomore Year

Don't let planning for college get you stressed. Checklists are great tools to keep you organized, focused and connected with everything that needs to be done.

Students

- ☐ Research careers that fit your interests and match them up with college majors.
- ☐ Look into skilled trade careers and the HOPE Career Grant.
- ☐ Use the **GAfutures** *College Search* tool to start researching colleges and create a list of top choices.
- ☐ Attend PROBE College Fairs or other college prep events at your school or in your area.
- ☐ Discuss your classes and review graduation, college entrance and academic rigor requirements with your guidance counselor and parents.
- ☐ Check your HOPE GPA to see if you're on track to be eligible for the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarship
- ☐ Take the PSAT/NMSQT to help you prepare for the real thing.
- ☐ Think about how to spend your summer: work, volunteer or take a college-level course.
- ☐ Update your high school portfolio with all your achievements and activities.

Parents

- ☐ Attend a PROBE College Fair or a GSFC Outreach event like a financial aid night with your child.
- ☐ Encourage your child to take responsibility by balancing homework and other activities or a part-time job.
- ☐ Learn about the different options for your child's standardized tests.

10th Grade Checklist

Visit the *College Planning* section of **GAfutures** for additional information on preparing for college.