

College and Career Planning-10th Grade

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Tenth-Grade Planner

August

- *Discuss your college plans with your school counselor, parents or another trusted adult.*
- *Review your transcript to make sure you're on track to graduate and be admitted.*
- *Check out career goals and interests.*
- *Stay involved in extracurricular activities and community volunteer work. Take leadership roles if possible.*

September

- *Become familiar with general college admission requirements.*
- *Make notes in your college access file about awards, accomplishments and volunteer work.*

October

- *Start a file for information about schools you're interested in attending, financial aid and campus life.*
- *Read as many books as possible from a comprehensive reading list. It's one of the best ways of preparing for the ACT and for college.*

November

- *Work on your writing skills. No matter what you do in life, you'll probably have to write.*
- *Start thinking about financial aid. Review the Paying for College section on www.kheaa.com.*

December

- *Check out [March 2 Success](#), a free website that can help you in language arts, mathematics, and science.*
- *Write colleges to ask for their academic requirements for admission.*

January

- *Sign up for challenging classes as a junior. It may help with scholarships and getting into the school of your choice.*
- *Continue to explore interests and careers that you think you might like.*
- *Keep your grades up so you can have the highest GPA and class rank possible.*

February

- *Begin zeroing in on the type of college you would prefer (two-year or four-year, small or large, rural or urban).*
- *If you're interested in a military academy, start planning and getting information.*
- *Write colleges and ask for their academic requirements for admission.*

March/April

- *Visit a few college campuses and attend college fairs.*

May

- *Keep putting away money for college.*
- *Consider a summer job. You can save money for college and maybe find out more about your career interests.*

June/July

- *Keep learning all summer. Check with your counselor to see what summer classes are available in your area.*
- *Chat with college students home for the summer, especially if they attend a college you're considering.*

https://www.kheaa.com/website/kheaa/plan_time_10th?main=1 is the source for the information above.

Here are some other things to consider this year-

- Keep a record of activities/ awards and keep it in more than one place.
- Focus on faith and family. Enjoy your summer but a little work and/or camp or class might be something to consider.
- Read, Read, Read, Read. Read for pleasure, read history, fiction, self-improvement books, magazines, graphic novels, comic books, and newspapers. Read a variety of things.
 - *"Reading has been shown to put our brains into a pleasurable trance-like state, similar to meditation, and it brings the same health benefits of deep relaxation and inner calm. Regular readers sleep better, have lower stress levels, higher self-esteem, and lower rates of depression than non-readers. "* <https://open.buffer.com/reading-fiction/>
 - If you are motivated by material success the one time richest man in the world (he has given a lot it away) said this about reading- *"Read 500 pages like this every day," while reaching toward a stack of manuals and papers. "That's how knowledge works. It builds up, like compound interest. All of you can do it, but I guarantee not many of you will do it."* <https://www.cnbc.com/2018/03/27/warren-buffetts-key-tip-for-success-read-500-pages-a-day.html> Buffet is 87 years old and still reads four to five hours each day. He is not an exception. The one attribute "ultra-successful" people share is reading. *"Bill Gates reads about 50 books per year, which breaks down to 1 per week. Mark Cuban*

reads more than 3 hours every day. Elon Musk is an avid reader and when asked how he learned to build rockets, he said "I read books." Mark Zuckerberg resolved to read a book every 2 weeks throughout 2015. Oprah Winfrey selects one of her favorite books every month for her Book Club members to read and discuss."

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/andrew-merle/the-reading-habits-of-ult_b_9688130.html