



Beginning in elementary school, I Know I Can College Advisors and volunteers encourage students like you to dream big, work hard, and achieve your dream of going to college.

To help you reach your goal, I Know I Can will provide all the tools you need to make college a reality. From advice on preparing for college to information on applying and paying for it, we'll be right by your side throughout the journey.

Please visit **[iknowican.org](http://iknowican.org)** and **[columbus.k12.oh.us](http://columbus.k12.oh.us)** for more information and resources.



DREAM BIG. WORK HARD. WE'LL HELP.™

The I Know I Can College Planning Checklist is designed to help you make the most of your time in school and to prepare you for college. It's never too soon to start planning your future!



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## 10th Grade College Planning Checklist

- Attend Blueprint: College workshops with your family to learn more about getting ready for college and how to make the most of your high school years.
- Do your best in every class. Good grades will help you get into college and get scholarships to pay for it.
- Make sure you take challenging courses that cover all the requirements for graduation and college admission including English, Math, Science, Social Studies, Foreign Language, Fine Arts, Phys. Ed./Health and Technology, as well as your Elective and Internship credits.
- Consider Post-Secondary Enrollment Options (PSEs) and early college programs that allow you to earn college credit while in high school. Talk to a counselor to learn more about these options and opportunities presented by career centers.
- Keep reading—not just books, but newspapers and magazines as well. Relate the reading to your life and learn more about subjects and people that interest you.
- Take advantage of all the information that is at your fingertips on the Internet.
- Get involved in activities that matter to you, both in and out of school.
- Explore Naviance and research the subjects and careers you're interested in. Set future goals and learn about the things you need to begin working on now to achieve them. Talk with your parents about the goals you have set.
- Meet with your I Know I Can College Advisor to talk about and begin planning for your future.
- Participate in summer academic enrichment programs. Ask your IKIC College Advisor or counselor for details.
- In preparation for the ACT next year, start looking into ACT prep classes in the fall and/or start reserving ACT study books from the library. Ask your counselor or IKIC College Advisor for more information.
- Continue to use your student planner so you don't miss important deadlines and separate class folders to keep your assignments (and life) organized.
- Meet with your IKIC College Advisors and school counselors often to discuss your college and career goals.
- Keep a record of your high school internship requirements in your college binder.
- Visit colleges near your home or when you travel. Keep notes in your college binder on what you like or dislike about each college.

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- Keep saving for college. Get a summer job and put half of what you earn in your college fund.
- If you are interested in going to college at a military academy, now is the time to start planning and getting information.
- Prepare for the Ohio Graduation Test in October. Talk with your teachers for tools and tips for success.
- Attend the Kiwanis College Fair and meet with your IKIC Advisor to begin your college research.
- Visit [iknowican.org](http://iknowican.org) for more strategies and tips on how to complete this list.
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