



# 10th Grade Planning Checklist

**This 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!**

- Do your best in every class. The higher your GPA, the better your chances of getting into college and receiving scholarships.
- 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 (PSEDs) 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.
- CCS students are required to complete 120 internship hours to graduate. Ask your counselor about internship opportunities and keep track of these hours.
- Get involved in activities that matter to you, both in and out of school.
- Explore SchoolLinks/Xello 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 Advising Manager and school counselors often to discuss your college and career goals.
- 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. Ask your counselor or I Know I Can College Advising Manager for more information.
- Keep saving for college. Get a summer job and put half of what you earn in your college fund.
- Attend college & career fairs and begin going on college visits.

**DREAM BIG. WORK HARD. WE'LL HELP.**