

Educational Planning Check-List

8 th Grade	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade
<p><u>Advising</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Collect transcripts and submit to new school, if changing schools. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss high school options. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit a college campus or attend a college fair. <p><u>Coursework</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Learn about A-G college prep requirements by visiting blogs.calstate.edu/college/students and meet with a guidance counselor to pick your courses for 9th grade. <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll in academic enrichment programs like AVID, MESA, or Bruin Guardian Scholars Academy to help you prepare for college. <input type="checkbox"/> Request tutoring, as needed. <p><u>Testing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Optional: Take the 8th grade ACT Aspire assessment test (formerly ACT Explore and ACT Plan) to help you gauge progress towards college preparedness. Ask your school counselor for a fee waiver. <p><u>Career Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in career awareness activities and check-out these websites: - cccmypath.org - salarysurfer.cccco.edu - cacareerzone.com - careered.cccco.edu/explore-careers <p><u>DCFS Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use the TILP to create college and career goals (age 14+). <input type="checkbox"/> Use the CFT to support college and career goals. <input type="checkbox"/> Connect with your local ILP Teen Club (age 14+) to hear from Career speakers. 	<p><u>Advising & Record-keeping</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend orientation and meet with your high school counselor each semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Create a file for keeping track of everything related to education and career: include your grade reports, honors or awards you receive and a record of extracurricular activities. If you transfer to a new school, get a copy of your school record and keep it in this file. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit a college campus or attend a college fair. <p><u>Coursework</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take the required college preparatory “a-g” coursework. Learn more about what classes to take by visiting blogs.calstate.edu/college/students. <input type="checkbox"/> Register for AP (Advanced Placement) and honors courses for 10th grade, if available. <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll in academic enrichment programs like AVID, EAOP, Puente, MESA or Upward Bound to help you prepare for college. <input type="checkbox"/> Request tutoring, as needed. <p><u>Testing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Optional: Take the 9th grade ACT Aspire assessment test. <p><u>Career Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in a community project. <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in career awareness activities and check-out helpful websites. <input type="checkbox"/> Take or update you career interest and aptitude assessment. <p><u>DCFS Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use the TILP to create college and career goals (age 14+). <input type="checkbox"/> Use the CFT to support college and career goals. <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Teen Club. <input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for ILP alerts/emails. 	<p><u>Advising & Record-keeping</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your high school counselor each semester and make sure you are satisfying high school graduation and college entrance requirements. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit a college campus or attend a college fair. <p><u>Coursework</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take the required college prep. “a-g” coursework. <input type="checkbox"/> Register for AP (Advanced Placement) and honors courses for 11th grade, if available. <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll in academic enrichment programs like AVID, EAOP, Puente, MESA or Upward Bound. <input type="checkbox"/> Request tutoring, as needed. <p><u>Testing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> October: Register for the PSAT, a practice exam for the SAT, if you plan to attend a CSU or UC. Ask a counselor for a fee waiver. <input type="checkbox"/> Or, take the 10th grade ACT Aspire assessment test, if you plan to attend a CSU or UC. Ask a school counselor for a fee waiver. <input type="checkbox"/> March: Register to take the AP exam in the spring, if applicable. Ask a counselor about a fee waiver. <p><u>Career Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for and participate in a summer internship and/or community project. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore college pathways for careers that interest you. <input type="checkbox"/> Take or update your career interest and aptitude assessment. <p><u>DCFS Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use the TILP to create college and career goals. <input type="checkbox"/> Use the CFT to support college and career goals. <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Teen Club. <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to ILP or ITSP (ages 16-21). <input type="checkbox"/> Connect with ILP about college tours or activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for ILP alerts/emails. 	<p><u>Advising & Record-keeping</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your high school counselor each semester and make sure you are satisfying high school graduation and college entrance requirements. <input type="checkbox"/> Check your transcript at the end of the year to make sure it is correct. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend college fairs, college tours, and college planning sessions. <p><u>Coursework</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Register for AP (Advanced Placement) and honors courses for 12th grade, if available. <input type="checkbox"/> Select courses for your senior year that strengthen your academic record and ensure that you meet the “a-g” requirements. <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll in academic enrichment programs like AVID, EAOP, Puente, MESA or Upward Bound. <input type="checkbox"/> Request tutoring, as needed. <p><u>Testing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> If you plan to attend a CSU or UC, register for the ACT or the SAT two months before the exam. If you take the exam in the spring or summer, you will get results in time to see if you need to retake it in the fall of 12th grade. Ask for a fee waiver code. <input type="checkbox"/> March: Register to take the AP exam in the spring, if applicable. Ask a counselor about a fee waiver. <input type="checkbox"/> When you take your state CAASPP exam, mark the release button at the end of each exam to ensure that the CSU campus(es) you apply to receive your EAP (Early Assessment Program) results. <p><u>Career Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for and participate in a summer internship or work experience. <input type="checkbox"/> Explore college pathways for careers that interest you. <input type="checkbox"/> Take or update your career interest and aptitude assessment. <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in career awareness, exploration and preparation activities. <p><u>DCFS Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use the TILP to create college and career goals. <input type="checkbox"/> Use the CFT to support college and career goals. <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in Teen Club. <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to ILP or ITSP (ages 16-21). <input type="checkbox"/> Connect with ILP about college tours or activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for ILP alerts/emails.

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12 th Grade- Fall Semester	12 th Grade – Spring Semester
<p><u>Advising & Record-keeping</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review courses with your school counselor to make sure you are meeting high school graduation and entrance requirements for the colleges that interest you. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend college fairs and college planning sessions. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit college campuses that are a good match with your credentials and career interests. <p><u>Coursework</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete all final “a-g” course requirements. Be sure to take an English and math course to keep your skills strong for your first year in college. <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll in college preparation programs like AVID, EAOP, Puente, Mesa or Upward Bound. <input type="checkbox"/> Request tutoring, as needed. <p><u>Testing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> If you plan to attend a CSU or UC, register for the October ACT or SAT, and then register for the December ACT or SAT if you are retaking the exam. <p><u>Applying to College</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contact the foster youth liaison at the college of your choice to find out about your eligibility for foster youth and EOPS (Extended Opportunity Programs & Services) or EOP (Educational Opportunity Programs) support and important dates and application procedures. For info, visit student.cacollegepathways.org/find-campus-support-programs. <input type="checkbox"/> If you haven’t already, get an email address for yourself that is strictly for college and financial aid application information. <p>If you plan to attend CSU or UC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Write a personal essay for college admission. The essay will be used to complete applications for CSU EOP, UC and scholarships. Get coaching and feedback from your counselors. <input type="checkbox"/> Request at least 3 letters of recommendation be written by November 15 for your EOP and scholarship applications. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to CSU (calstate.edu/apply) and/or UC (universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions). Have someone proofread your application. If you regularly updated your High School Planner, your course information will be automatically transferred to your application. Application deadline is November 30, unless otherwise noted. <i>For foster youth, up to four CSU and four UC applications are free.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Have your transcripts sent to requesting colleges. Make sure all the information is correct. Save one copy for yourself. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for on-campus housing (“dorms” or “residence halls”) for each college campus that you are applying to and place your name on the waitlist, if needed. As a foster youth, you may have priority access to on-campus housing. <input type="checkbox"/> Check about the payments and deposits for college. Some colleges require an upfront deposit for on-campus housing and only accept checks or credit cards. Ask for assistance to pay these, if needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for the EOP (Educational Opportunity Program) when you submit your CSU or UC application. <p><u>DCFS Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use the TILP to create college and career goals. <input type="checkbox"/> Use the CFT to support college and career goals. <input type="checkbox"/> Connect youth to ilponline.org. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to attend Celebration I or II. <input type="checkbox"/> Gather vital documents (i.e. CA ID, birth certificate, SS card, Medi-Cal card) & upload securely (i.e. ifoster.org, google.drive.com) 	<p><u>If you plan to attend a community college:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the college application at cccapply.org. Identify as foster youth on the application. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your college counselor to create your education plan. <input type="checkbox"/> Enroll in an orientation course to learn about your college. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask your high school counselor to send your final high school transcript to the college you will attend. <input type="checkbox"/> Make a plan for your housing. <p><u>Testing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In March: take the AP exam(s). Have the scores sent to the schools where you are applying. Ask for a fee waiver. <input type="checkbox"/> If you plan to attend a community college, talk with a counselor to find out about the steps required at the college you plan to attend for assessment of skills in math and English, or English as a Second Language (ESL), to determine appropriate placement into those subjects. Campuses may use your high school course grades, GPA, or a placement test to determine your placement. <input type="checkbox"/> If you plan to attend a CSU, the EAP test you took in 11th grade will determine whether you need to attend a summer Early Start Program. <p><u>Applying for Financial Aid</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Get the <i>Financial Aid Guide for California Foster Youth</i> at http://www.jbaforyouth.org/ca-fy-financial-aid-guide/. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA at fafsa.gov or the California Dream Act Application at dream.csac.ca.gov by March 2nd to receive the maximum award possible. Eligible foster youth don’t have to report parental/caregiver financial information. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for the Chafee Grant at chafee.csac.ca.gov for up to \$5,000. <input type="checkbox"/> Create a Webgrants account at mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov. <input type="checkbox"/> Verify that your high school sent your Cal Grant GPA Verification form to California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for additional private scholarships at californiacolleges.edu. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete any financial aid verification steps, if needed. <p><u>Accessing Support Programs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> If attending a community college, apply for EOPS and NextUp (<i>also known as CAFYES & only available at certain colleges</i>). <input type="checkbox"/> Determine if the college has a foster youth support program at student.cacollegepathways.org/find-campus-support-programs. <input type="checkbox"/> Utilize free campus resources like tutoring, disability services, mental health counseling, and/or resources for parenting youth. <p><u>Enrollment and Fees</u></p> <p><u>If you plan to attend a community college:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Determine if you are eligible for priority registration as a current or former foster youth and follow the required steps. See the website of the school you plan to attend for more information. <input type="checkbox"/> Pay enrollment fees and any nominal health and/or student activity fees, due at the time of registration. <p><u>If you plan to attend a CSU or UC:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pay a nonrefundable deposit for freshmen tuition to the college you plan to attend, if required, to hold your spot. <input type="checkbox"/> Determine if you are eligible for priority registration as a foster youth. Ask the school you plan to attend for more information. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Connect with ILP about college tours or activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Request a 90-Day Transition Plan to prepare for the transition to college. <input type="checkbox"/> Obtain a foster youth verification letter from your social worker. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for graduation expenses through ILP. <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to ILP or ITSP (ages 16-21) & participate in Teen Club.