

# College Preparation and Readiness Calendar for 11th Grade Students and Foster Parents/Caregivers

## September - November

- Meet with your school counselor and/or mentor to talk about college options.
- Decide what you want in a college.
- Choose 5 - 10 colleges that meet your needs and request information from them.
- Continue to take challenging classes. Take Honors, AP, IB, Running Start, or Tech Prep if possible.
- Stay involved in clubs and extra-curricular activities, and take a leadership role.
- Go to college and financial aid fairs and information nights.
- Sign up for a mentor through the Foster Care to College Mentor Program.

## December - February

- Sign-up to take the SAT and/or ACT in May or June. Ask your school counselor for details.
- Begin to prepare for the SAT and/or ACT.
- Read all of the information you receive from your preferred colleges.
- Look and apply for scholarship opportunities.
- Consider possible college majors, and make sure your choice schools offer those programs.
- Listen to school announcements and check the guidance office for spring open-houses and college tours.

## March - May

- Sign up for college campus visits and tours.
- Create a resume. Ask your counselor and/or mentor for help.
- Plan your senior years courses.
- Apply for summer internships or jobs, or look for volunteer opportunities in your career interest area.
- Narrow your list of preferred colleges to five.
- Sign up for the Independent Living Skills Program for help with skill building.
- Think about adults you might ask to write letters of recommendation for you (church or community members, teachers, coaches, caseworkers, etc.).
- Sign up to take the June SAT test.

## June - August

- Request applications from your college(s) of choice.
- Work on your college application person statement/essay.
- Visit college campuses.