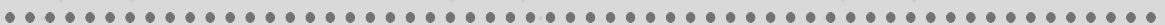




12th Grade College Roadmap

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- ◆ Continue to produce high grades; colleges put a lot of weight on marks obtained during this last year of school
- ◆ Use the BBBS [Future Planning](#) form to create a future plan together with your Big and take a career assessment test
 - [ASA Futurescape](#) • [Princeton Review Career Quiz](#) • [123 Career Test](#)
- ◆ Meet with your guidance counselor
 - sit down with your counselor and ensure you are on track to graduate, explore courses [Advanced Placement](#) and [Dual Enrollment](#), and discuss scholarship opportunities
- ◆ Upkeep participation in extracurricular activities as well as leadership roles in organizations, clubs and/or sports team; this will also increase your chances for college admission
- ◆ Take the SAT and/or ACT practice tests to help increase your score:

S	Khan Academy	Varsity Tutors	The Princeton Review	Kaplan
A	Test Prep Review	Powerscore	College Board	TestPrep Practice
T	PrepScholar	Official ACT	Powerscore	Varsity Tutors
A	The Princeton Review	McGraw- Hill	PrepFactory	4Tests
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- ◆ Retake the [ACT](#) or [SAT](#), if necessary, and ask your school counselor for the possibility of being eligible for a waiver
- ◆ Due to COVID-19, some colleges and universities are waiving [ACT](#) or [SAT](#) tests for college admissions; ensure to check with the institutions and testing websites for updates
- ◆ Attend college fairs in with your Big
 - [Peach State Tour](#) • [National College Fairs](#) • [Probe College Tour](#)
- ◆ Consider alternatives like trade schools, community college, and the [Year Up](#) program and [sign up](#) for a free informational session
 - you can save money by attending a community college for the first 2 years and then transferring to your preferred school
 - If you graduate from the Year Up program, you may receive up to 31 college credits to use when you enroll at Atlanta Metropolitan College.
- ◆ Finalize your 3 schools: one “dream” school, one “target” school, and one “safety” school and begin to schedule tours and admission interviews
- ◆ Get at least 2 letters of recommendation from teachers and/or counselors and give them at least a 2 week notice
- ◆ Gather transcripts and submit college applications early to beat the deadlines
- ◆ Use the [Common App](#) to apply to multiple schools using one college application which saves time and money
- ◆ Use a planner to keep track of your applications, scholarships, and financial aid deadlines
- ◆ Sign up for [College Admissions Process](#) programs in the Fall Attend our
 - ◆ financial aid workshop in the Fall to learn about the [financial aid](#) process and refer to the monthly Match Support [Newsletter](#) for the event announcement



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◆ Apply for all types of scholarships; colleges will generally award them on a first come first serve basis so get your application in EARLY!

- [HOPE Grant](#) • [PELL Grant](#) • [Georgia Futures](#) • [Collegevine](#)
- [Scholarships](#) • [Scholarships360](#) • [CollegeBoard](#) • [Fastweb](#)
- [Prep Scholar](#) • [Unigo](#) • [Niche](#) • [Bold](#) • [Scholly](#) • [Chegg](#)
- [JLV College Counseling](#) • [Scholarship Owl](#)

◆ Rely on your BIG for support especially to review college applications and essays and keep your mentor informed of your progress

◆ Maintain high marks and ask for help when you are struggling

◆ Apply for [Michigan Competitive Scholarship](#) in February

◆ Create or update your [resume](#) and apply for a job

◆ Look out for acceptance/rejection letters and keep track

◆ Select and notify your final school once all acceptance letters have been received (usually by May)

◆ Explore and review all of your financial aid options and awards to finalize payment plan

◆ Keep working and save as much money as possible; college is expensive and every bit helps

◆ Complete all the necessary paperwork required by the selected college (class schedules, housing, etc.)

◆ Review BBBSMA's [Life Skills](#) list with your Big to ensure you are prepared to tackle life and adulthood!

You made it and are now ready for the next milestone in your life! Make sure to celebrate your success with your BIG!



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