

## 10th Grade College Planning Tip Sheet

**GOAL**

To identify the types of schools that may be a match for you academically, financially, and socially. [Road2College is here to guide you.](#)

1. Practice for and take the PSAT. Even if your school doesn't offer the practice version of the SAT, sign up to take it elsewhere or online at CollegeBoard.org.
2. Explore the pros and cons of taking AP and/or Dual Enrollment classes to bolster your college readiness and make your applications more competitive.

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[Which is Better, AP or Dual Enrollment?](#)

3. Build relationships with teachers, especially in your strongest subjects, to help with college recommendations later.
4. Meet with your high school counselor. They can help you get the most out of high school and identify colleges that may be a good match for you.
5. Attend local college fairs and university representative visits to your school, and begin researching schools online.
6. Visit colleges, even if they're local and you don't plan to attend. It's never too early to get a feel for the types of schools and programs that may be a good match.

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[College Tours: 6 Things to Pay Attention To](#)

7. Start your college list. Our free [R2C Insights tool](#) identifies colleges that match your academic profile and financial situation. That helps you maximize your scholarship chances.
8. Consider a part-time job. This can help you build experience, expand your resume, and save money for college.
9. Learn about the different types of student financial aid. It's good to know how scholarships, loans, grants, and other forms of public and private financial aid work.

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[Complete Guide to Paying for College: Strategies & Tips](#)