

FOR EDUCATORS 11TH GRADE CHECKLIST

ACHIEVE

Do well in school.

- Help students set goals for the year.
- Be vocal about your high expectations.
- Emphasize the importance of attendance.
- Offer a variety of instructional practices.
- Provide extra academic support.
- Celebrate academic achievement.
- Help students practice communication skills.

Take the right classes.

- Review transcripts with students and families.
- Encourage students to take math all 4 years.
- Offer honors or advanced classes.
- Offer electives—students need full schedules.

Get organized.

- Help students update a file of key documents.
- Help students write a résumé.
- Urge students to use a professional e-mail.

Prepare for college admission tests.

- FALL:** Encourage taking the PSAT/NMSQT.
- FALL:** Help students practice and review.
- SPRING:** Encourage taking the SAT or ACT.

ENGAGE

Get involved.

- Offer a variety of school extracurriculars including academically-focused ones.
- Encourage community service.
- Partner with community organizations to provide afterschool and summer programs.

Spend time with good people.

- Provide peer, near-peer and adult mentoring opportunities.
- Engage families in school activities.

Make good choices.

- Teach and model good digital citizenship.
- Teach students the risks of behaviors like drinking, doing drugs and having sex.
- Set a culture of respect and kindness in your classroom and school.

EXPLORE

Explore colleges and careers.

- Help students list 3-5 careers that match their interests and the education they will need.
- Review the importance of finding the right fit.
- Help students refine their list of colleges and confirm majors and admission requirements.
- Have students sign up for college mailing lists.
- Help students make a list of deadlines.
- Help students with special requirements and deadlines: undocumented or interested in arts, sports, or military.
- Plan visits to students' top college choices.
- Give students time to explore colleges online.
- Set up a trip to a nearby college fair.

Learn about paying for college.

- Explain at every opportunity that college is affordable.
- Cover the four basic types of financial aid.
- Help students and families explore the different costs of college.
- Help students and families complete the FAFSA4Caster.
- Teach students and families about net prices.
- Share info about college savings accounts.

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