



**KEYS
TO
SUCCESS**



11TH GRADE CHECKLISTS

GRADE BY GRADE CHECKLISTS

Whether you're considering a 1-year certificate, a 2-year associate degree, a 4-year bachelor's degree, or a professional/graduate degree, these grade-by-grade checklists will help you prepare to be successful after high school!

11th Grade Checklist:

Focus on your classes.

- Sign up for classes that stretch your mind, like Honors classes and classes where you can earn college credit, such as Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB), and Concurrent Enrollment (CE). Talk to your school counselor for more information.
- Verify with your counselor that you are taking classes that will help you succeed in college.

Align your CTE pathway with your college plans

- See how your high school CTE classes could apply to college-level CTE career pathways. Talk to your school counselor for ideas.

Think about what math class you'll take your senior year.

- Meet with your counselor to make sure you pick the right math class for your future. It's best to complete your college math requirements through Concurrent Enrollment while still in high school.
- Read in the College Guide about what CE math class best fits with your future plans.

Take the ACT.

- Take the ACT in the spring. Get free ACT test preparation materials at ktsutah.com or download the free ACT App to get ACT test prep questions. A good ACT score can help you earn scholarship money for college and determine your acceptance into some colleges.

Consider your college options.

- Make a list of your top college choices. If you're thinking about going to college in Utah, check out the College Directory in the College Guide or the Facts at a Glance to learn more.





Visit college campuses.

- Take a campus tour. Schedule one by visiting the college's website or calling. Some colleges also have virtual tours you can take online.
- Attend a summer camp offered by a college near you.
- Attend a college fair to explore different colleges and universities. Ask your school counselor for information.

Get organized for your final year.

- Some colleges (and scholarships) require one or more letters of recommendation.
- Decide which teachers might be willing to write letters of recommendation next year and ask them in advance.
- Get a job over the summer to set aside money for college and gain valuable experience to add to your resume.

Research possible careers.

- Review your career interest profiles on Sokanu or take them again at ktsutah.com.
- Job shadow at a business/organization that interests you, and ask about internship opportunities.
- Talk to professionals currently working in your area of interest. Ask your school counselor or parents/guardians to help you find them.

Learn about the many ways to pay for college.

- Forecast how much financial aid you could qualify for by using the FAFSA4Caster at fafsa.gov.

Keep applying for scholarships.

- Learn about scholarships offered by the State of Utah on ktsutah.com.
- Apply for as many scholarships as you can during your senior year. See if your high school has a scholarship coordinator to help you find scholarships and look on ktsutah.com.