

Prepare for College Checklist

THINGS TO DO

Visit a college campus

- Plan a visit to your top-choice universities. Walk around their campus and talk to an admissions counselor. Before you spend four years of your life there, you need to see if you like it.
 - **Pro Tip:** *Texas Wesleyan has a perfect [campus visit](#) for you, all you have to do is choose one.*
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Get involved outside of the classroom

- Colleges love well-rounded students who can balance school with extracurricular activities. If you're not already involved in something, join a club, try out for a sport or volunteer in your community. It's never too late to get involved.
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Take the SAT or ACT

- Great news - **we don't require test scores.** That means you can forget about taking the SAT or ACT when you apply to TXWES
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THINGS TO PLAN FOR LATER

Keep your grades up

- You're nearing the end of high school, but now's not the time to start slacking. Keep working hard in all your classes. You still have to turn in final transcripts to colleges or universities you've applied to. Don't be a victim of "senioritis," finish your high school career off strong.
 - **Pro Tip:** *Remember, you're getting college credit for AP and dual-credit courses before you even step on campus.*
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Start researching financial aid

- College can seem expensive, but there are financial aid packages that help you make it more affordable. Start researching financial aid and how you plan to pay for your education.
 - **Pro Tip:** *Use your and your parents tax information from last year when you're [filling out the FAFSA](#). You can now use the previous year's information to fill out the form. Your FAFSA plays a big part in the financial aid process.*
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Start thinking about your college major

- You're not in college yet, but it's time to start thinking about what you might want to [major in](#). Whether a school has a program you're interested in or not can play a part in what school you end up attending.
- **Pro Tip:** *You don't have to plan your entire career out right now. Start by thinking about what you're interested in and keep going from there.*