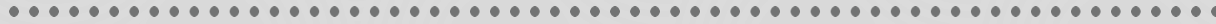




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- ◆ Use the BBBS [Future Planning](#) form to create a future plan together with your Big and keep your mentor informed of your progress
- ◆ Think about which careers interest you and take an assessment test
 - [ASA Futurescape](#) • [Princeton Review Career Quiz](#) • [123 Career Test](#)
- ◆ Meet with your guidance counselor
 - sit down with your counselor and ensure you are on schedule to graduate and make any adjustments needed; review your GPA and talk about ways to improve
 - explore acquiring post-secondary college credits through the [dual enrollment](#) program (taking college-level courses before while in high school)
 - inquire about enrolling in [Advanced Placement](#) courses
- ◆ Maintain high marks because colleges put a lot of weight on grades obtained during the last two years of high school
- ◆ Use a planner to keep yourself organized
- ◆ Join and keep up with extracurricular activities; it will help make you a well-rounded student and increase your chances for college admission
- ◆ Seek leadership roles in any organization, student government, or sports team that you are a part of
- ◆ Sign up for AKA's [College Admission Process \(#CAP\)](#) program in the Fall
- ◆ Attend college fairs with your Big
 - [Peach State Tour](#) • [National College Fairs](#) • [Probe College Tour](#)

- ◆ Learn about the [financial aid](#) process
 - discuss and explore how much your family can contribute towards your college education
 - it is required to complete the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) before you can apply for any financial aid assistance
 - explore the different [forms](#) of financial aid
 - attend College Financial Aid workshops in the Fall and refer to monthly Match Support for announcements
- ◆ Register through your school to take the [PreACT](#) in September or the [PSAT](#) in October; ensure to review test results to identify areas for improvement (PSAT can only be taken once a year)
- ◆ Begin to study for the [ACT](#) or [SAT](#)
 - know the [difference](#) between both tests and pick which one suits you the best
 - explore with your school counselor the possibility of being eligible for an [ACT](#) or [SAT](#) waiver and ask about free study materials
 - take the practice tests to help get highest score possible and use the following sites:

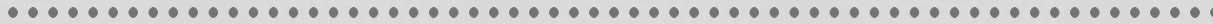
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- ◆ Plan your senior year courses with your counselor and begin to request letters of recommendation from teachers and/or counselor
- ◆ Register to take the [ACT](#) and/or [SAT](#) exam
- ◆ Apply for scholarships in May (utilize your involvement in BBBS on your applications)
- ◆ Explore and apply for scholarships early; below are the best websites where juniors can apply
 - [Scholarships](#) • [Unigo](#) • [Fastweb](#) • [Collegevine](#) • [Prep Scholar](#)
 - [ILV College Counseling](#) • [Scholarships360](#) • [Bold](#)
- ◆ Create and finalize your [resume](#) and apply for a job or internship
- ◆ Plan summer college tours with your Big
- ◆ Think about selecting 3 colleges: a “dream” school, “target” school, and “safety” school and begin to explore their admissions process online
- ◆ Work on college application essay drafts over the summer and have your Big review them
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Continue to read daily and review BBBS [Life Skills](#) list with your Big to ensure you are prepared to tackle life and adulthood

Remember you are not alone and this is why you have a BIG. Rely on your mentor for guidance and support because they have a lot of life experience and wisdom that can help you make good life decisions!

