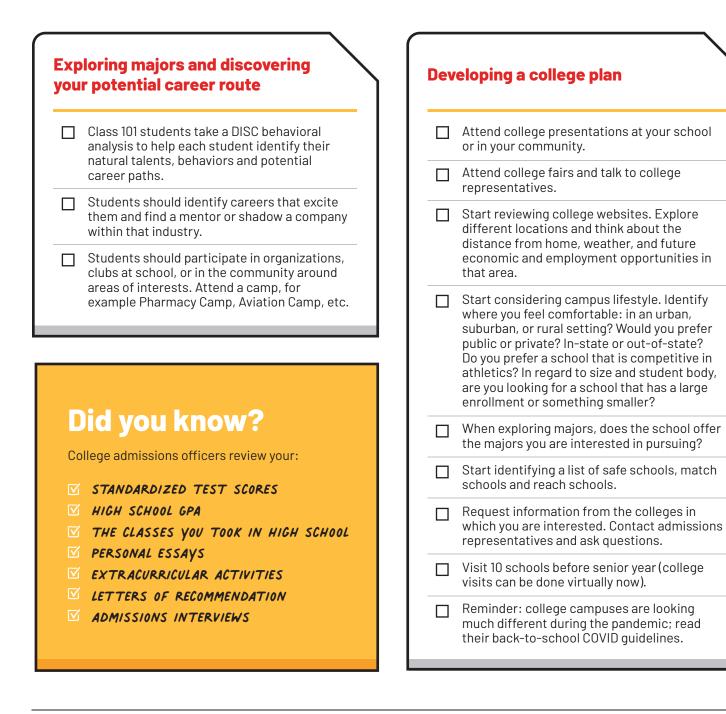


# College planning Checklist

Planning for college is a complex, multi-year process, but Class 101 makes college planning simple! We help students find the best schools, at the best price, for their best future.



### Developing a memorable college essay

Choose a unique topic. Make your essay memorable by identifying a topic that will help your essay stand out from all the other essays. Class 101 helps every student find and identify their unique topic and guides them through the editing process.
Be mindful of the number of supplemental responses and additional essays you will need

- to complete based on your college list.
  Highlight information that does not show up
  - anywhere else in your application.
- Have your essay complete by the start of senior year.

# Building your resume for applications

- Present your accomplishments, highlighting leadership positions, honors, awards, internships, externships, and relevant employment opportunities.
- ldentify sports leagues, clubs, community organizations, and extracurricular activities.
- A strong application has at least ten robust extracurricular activities. If your list is lacking, your Class 101 advisor will help you create a separator, which is an extracurricular that you have created and organized.

### Our advice: Visit 10 schools, apply to 7 and love 5

AC	T/SAT/PSAT Test Prep		Coll	lege applications
	Class 101 emphasizes the importance of ACT/SAT/PSAT practice tests and test prep. We help you identify your top ten areas of improvement in order to increase your test scores.			On <b>August 1st every year</b> , the majority of colleges and universities across the country open their application window. Applications usually include transcripts, test scores, extracurricular activities, honors, essay
	Test prep scores will be used to help colleges make decisions about admittance as well as scholarship consideration.			prompts, supplemental questions, and more. For most colleges, this information is easily accessed through <u>Common Application</u> , a free portal that aggregates information from nearly 900 colleges and universities
	<b>PSAT:</b> high-achieving students in grades 10 and 11 take this test. The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) not only gives you the chance to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Program, it can help you earn more scholarships, become a better test-taker, and ultimately, stand out from your peers.			nationwide. Thoughtful preparation, including utilizing the Common App with the support of an expert college planner, can save many hours down the road, not to mention a lot of unnecessary stress.
	<b>ACT:</b> measures a student's skills in four core areas: English, Math, Reading, and Science.			Submit applications ahead of deadline dates, and be aware of the many different deadlines—scholarships, honors colleges,
	<b>SAT:</b> measures a student's skills in Math, Reading and Writing & Language.			early admission, FAFSA—that must be met.

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### Securing financial aid and understanding FAFSA

☐ The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used by national, state, and local government agencies, as well as higher education institutions and private organizations to award need-based financial aid.

The FAFSA calculates your eligibility based on financial need with respect to your estimated cost of attendance and family contribution.

The FAFSA opens up on October 1st each year, and forms should be completed within the first two weeks of October. There is no limit to the number of colleges to which you can submit the FAFSA.

## Applying for merit-based and outside scholarship opportunities:

Scholarships can make college more affordable. Class 101 ensures our students have maximized every available scholarship opportunity.

Keep your grades up! A high GPA and high prep test scores are the factors that put you in contention for merit-based scholarships. Your Class 101 advisor will help you monitor grades, set grade goals, and help with study skills. If the merit applies to you, strive to meet scholarship requirements and deadlines.

Class 101 makes every effort to pursue outside scholarships, but they are the most unpredictable way to help pay for college.

#### Remember: Early engagement is a game-changer!

When it comes to maximizing college and scholarship opportunities, the earlier the better. Class 101 helps students and families navigate the college planning process beginning in 9th & 10th grade. However, we work with students of all levels from 9th to 12th grade.

#### Ready for your student to start planning for college today?

Learn more about our services and find a location near you at <u>class101.com</u> or email info@class101.com for more information.



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