

Grade 11 - How to Support Your Child's Education

All year

- Continue to:
 - Monitor your child's grades putting special emphasis on math and English and stay abreast of your child's weekly progress using the school's online communication tool
 - Understand and discuss with your child the high school graduation requirements and diploma options listed in the school's course catalog
 - Discuss the 21st Century Course of Study and how it provides postsecondary educational opportunities for your child
 - Monitor your child's progress toward earning the Millennium Scholarship and NCAA requirements and understand what is needed to remain qualified www.nevadatreasurer.gov
 - Encourage your child to utilize the NCIS - Nevada Career Information System to explore career, college, scholarship information, and the Career Interest Inventory using the free Zip Code Access www.nvcis.intocareers.org
 - Monitor your child's meeting with counselor in the spring to review their CCSD Academic Plan and select courses for senior year eduplan.ccsd.net
 - Help your child update their resume file, collecting awards, activities, community service, employment, etc.
 - Help your child prepare for the proficiency exams
 - Encourage your child to volunteer for community service
 - Encourage your child to be involved with extracurricular school activities
 - Encourage summer reading www.collegeboard.org

September:

- Know your child's credit status and explore options to retrieve credits if necessary
- Check with your child to make sure courses will meet college requirements
- Encourage your child to consider the Early Studies Program and explore dual credit options enabling students to earn both high school and college credit
- Help your child research potential colleges in the career center or on the Internet
- Encourage your child to attend college/career representative presentations at his/her school

October:

- Encourage your child to take PSAT/NMSQT to enter the National Merit Scholarship Competition; contact counselor for information
- Make sure your child applies for a Social Security number since it is required on many college and financial aid applications
- Attend College Fair Plus sponsored by the CCSD School Counselors and CCSD with your child www.ccsd.net/collegefair
- Encourage your child to take the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)

November:

- Make sure your child attends school the day the Writing section of the Proficiency Exam is administered
- Review your child's transcript; make sure he/she is on-target to graduate next year

- Encourage your child to get the best grades possible, this will provide the most college options during the application process.
- Make sure your child attends school the day the writing section of the Proficiency Exam is administered

December:

- Keep updated on college news on the web
- Encourage your child to get involved in a holiday community service activity

January:

- Review PSAT/NMSQT results with your child for areas of improvement
- Consult with your child about when to take the [ACT/SAT I](#)
- Help your child prepare for the SAT or ACT by reviewing books with testing tips or sample questions (available in bookstores, online, and in libraries)
- Encourage your child to keep grades up; the Millennium Scholarship depends on it

February:

- Help your child register online for the [ACT/SAT I](#) May or June test dates; an early score will qualify for early admission and will help meet the qualifications for scholarships; students who cannot apply online need to see their counselor for an application
- Encourage your child to meet with school counselor to discuss college choices
- Encourage your child to apply for Girls' and Boys' State sponsored by American Legion
- Help your child review his/her transcript and test scores to determine how competitive the ranges of college choices are
- Encourage your child to attend Scholarship/Financial Aid Workshops ccsd.net/cpd/guidance/university/workshops.html
- Help your child determine which teachers to ask to write letters of recommendation

March:

- Encourage your child to send emails to colleges requesting information on academics, financial aid, housing, etc.
- Encourage your child to consider taking Advanced Placement (AP) courses in the senior year
- Help your child start scheduling college campus visits; arrange a visit during spring break, since the best time to see a realistic view of a college is when school is in session
- Help your child continue to study for the ACT/SAT
- Make sure your child registers and pays for Advanced Placement (AP) Exams
- Encourage your child to make up any section of the Proficiency Exam not passed or not taken
- Monitor your child's meeting with counselor in the spring to review CCSD Academic Plan and to select courses for the senior year eduplan.ccsd.net

April:

- Encourage your child to apply for military ROTC scholarships
- Encourage your child to apply for military academy admissions: contact senators and/or congressional representative regarding a nomination
- Continue to assist your child to research federal, state, private, and university-based scholarships by discovering what awards other students in your child's school and community are receiving
- Keep updated on college news on the web

- Help your child evaluate and narrow college choices to top five or six
- Attend Military Academy Night (if interested) with your child
- Encourage your child to take an ACT/SAT Prep Course (information may be found online, in libraries, universities)

May:

- Monitor your child's preparation to take Advanced Placement exams
- Make sure your child registers for the June [ACT/SAT I](#)
- Help your child develop their resume
- Encourage your child to confirm college visits for summer and schedule an appointment with a financial aid officer on campus
- Make sure your child structures summer plans to include advanced academic work, travel, volunteer work, or a job
- Encourage your child to ask academic teachers for letters of recommendation (provide teachers with resume)

June:

- Make sure your child takes the [ACT/SAT I](#)
- Monitor your child's effort to write a draft of the college essay/autobiographical statement
- Help your child review all information received from colleges of choice
- Encourage your child to obtain a summer job that might be related to their career interests
- Monitor your child's efforts to save money for senior year and college expenses
- Encourage your child, if a student athlete, to register on line with the NCAA Clearinghouse at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net
- Encourage your child to read a variety of books over the summer www.collegeboard.org