

# Postsecondary Planning Timeline for Students

## 10th Grade



### First Quarter

#### Action Steps

- Review your schedule to ensure it meets college entrance/scholarship requirements.
- Review your GradTrack report to view your updated grades and GPA. Pay special attention to your core subject grades for Bright Futures eligibility.
- Build/update your profile on Scoir.
- Be sure you have Scoir's mobile app downloaded on your device.
- Send your parent(s) an invite link to join Scoir if they do not have an active account.
- Make a plan to improve test-taking and time-management skills.
- Study, practice and prepare for the PSAT. (Use Khan Academy and/or other resources to practice).
- Participate fully in the PSAT testing process. This exam serves as a baseline for your college entrance exams and may assist in meeting the math graduation requirement.
- Access and update your RaiseMe account to continue earning micro-scholarships for college.
- Continue to build connections with your teachers and counselors.
- Stay involved in extracurricular activities that interest you.
- Seek additional community service opportunities and document the hours you serve.
- Monitor your core GPA and better understand NCAA Clearinghouse requirements if you are an athlete who hopes to receive an NCAA scholarship.
- Attend your school's College Fair to explore various postsecondary options.
- Attend M-DCPS' College Month Virtual Workshop series in October.
- Learn about the procedures for receiving testing accommodations for the SAT/ACT for students with IEPs and 504 plans.
- Connect with the school's ESE team to get support in exploring postsecondary opportunities that align with your postsecondary goals.

#### Resources

- [PrinciplesYou Career Assessment](#)
- [Florida Bright Futures Scholarship](#)
- [8 Ways to Take Control of Your Time - BigFuture](#)
- [General info about PSAT](#)
- [Studying and Practicing for the PSAT/NMSQT](#)
- [Transition Programs and Services](#)
- [College Board: How to Request Accommodations](#)
- [ACT Test Accommodations and English Learner Supports](#)



### Second Quarter

#### Action Steps

- Review and reflect on your first quarter grades.
- Seek tutoring or assistance if necessary to improve academic progress.
- Connect your Khan Academy account to College Board to create a study plan targeting the skills to improve based on PSAT scores.
- Explore various career options available, including technical colleges and career pathways.
- Continue to seek community service opportunities during winter break.
- Use the time during winter break to research scholarship opportunities.
- Continue to engage in virtual tours on Scoir.
- Continue to build and update your Scoir "Following" college list.

#### Resources

- [M-DCPS Technical Colleges](#)
- [MDC Career Pathway Programs](#)
- [How Do I Link My Khan Academy Account to CollegeBoard?](#)
- [How to Choose a College: A Step-by-Step Guide](#)
- [M-DCPS CTE Career Pathways](#)

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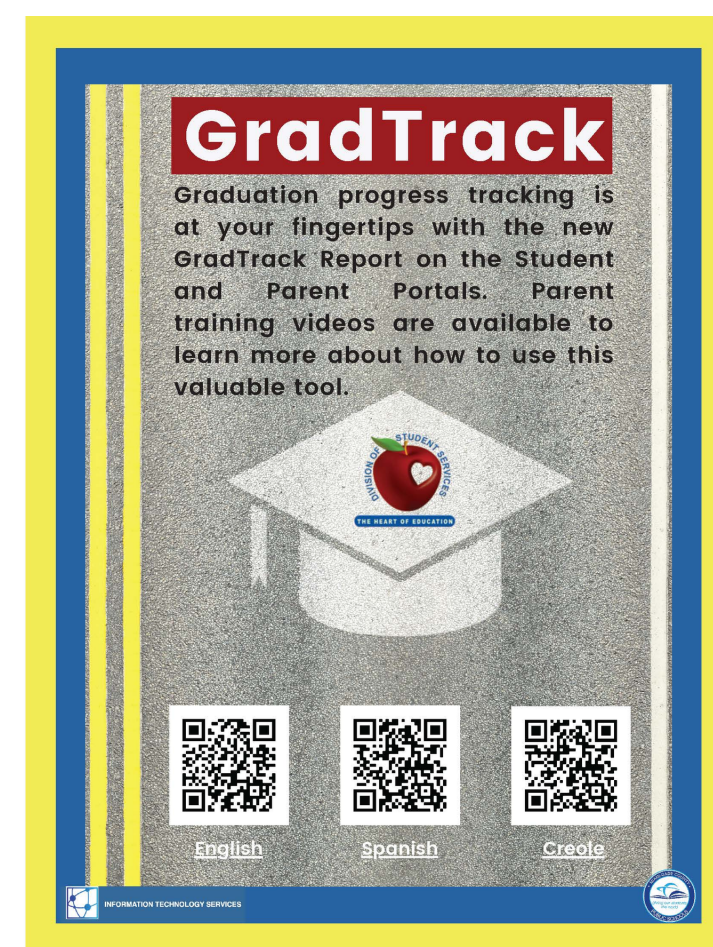
### Third Quarter

#### Action Steps

- Review mid-year grades as this is your exact halfway point in high school. Reflect on your academic standing and set goals for the remainder of high school.
- Review your GradTrack Report, found in your student portal, and use the report to inform your decisions in choosing your courses for junior year and meeting your graduation requirements.
- Plan your 11th grade schedule with future academic goals and requirements in mind. Recognize that junior year courses round out the academic record you will be submitting as part of the application process during the fall of your senior year. This is an opportunity to demonstrate and reinforce rigorous coursework including dual enrollment and AP courses. Be sure to include courses based on rigor, interests and State University requirements (including the required two years of a foreign language).
- Prepare for any AP/IB/AICE exams you may have by attending school site tutoring, workshops and/or visit AP Central for access to AP videos and other resources.
- Stay committed to involvement in school and/or community projects.
- Complete the PrinciplesYou Career Assessment to discover career options that will enhance and focus your postsecondary research.

#### Resources

- [CollegeBoard AP Central](#)
- [FL SUS Requirements](#)
- [GradTrack Training Videos](#)
- [How to Take Your High School Classes to the Next Level](#)



### Fourth Quarter

#### Action Steps

- Apply for summer academic programs, enrichment programs, community projects and/or internships that interest you, build your resume and enhance your college and career skills.
- Continue to apply for scholarship opportunities.
- Meet with your counselor to evaluate your academic review for the year to make last minute adjustments to your schedule for 11th grade or discuss courses you might be able to take over the summer such as Dual Enrollment or FLVS courses for advancement.
- Update your Scoir "Following" college list based on your PrinciplesYou Career Assessment results.
- Attend college visits, if possible.

#### Resources

- [For Students: Create and Export a Resume - Scoir](#)
- [Summer Programs: What, Why and How](#)

