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# College & Career Planning

A customizable guide for students in grades 9-11

Northgate Middle/Senior High School Guidance Department



# Where Do I Start?

- Make a List
- Pace Yourself
- Work Ahead
- Explore Options

Watch this video

["Success in the New Economy"](#)



# Grade 9

## Action Items

- Meet with Your Counselor
- Career Exploration
- Visit A.W. Beattie
- Four-Year Academic Plan
- Build Your Resume
- College Drive-Through
- Open a Savings Account



# Grade 10

## Action Items

- Meet with Your Counselor
- Take the PSAT
- Create a [College Board Account](#)
- Attend college fairs and set up college tours
- Contact Military Recruiters
- Essential Career?
- Essential College?



# PSAT Testing

- The PSAT won't count towards your college admissions applications, but it is the qualifying test for the National Merit Scholarship. Use the PSAT as practice for the SAT and ACT and an important guidepost on your college admissions journey.
- The PSAT is offered nationally every year in October. Ask your school counselor about when your class is scheduled to take the PSAT.



# Career Essentials

- Interests
- Abilities
- Education Requirements
- Salary Range



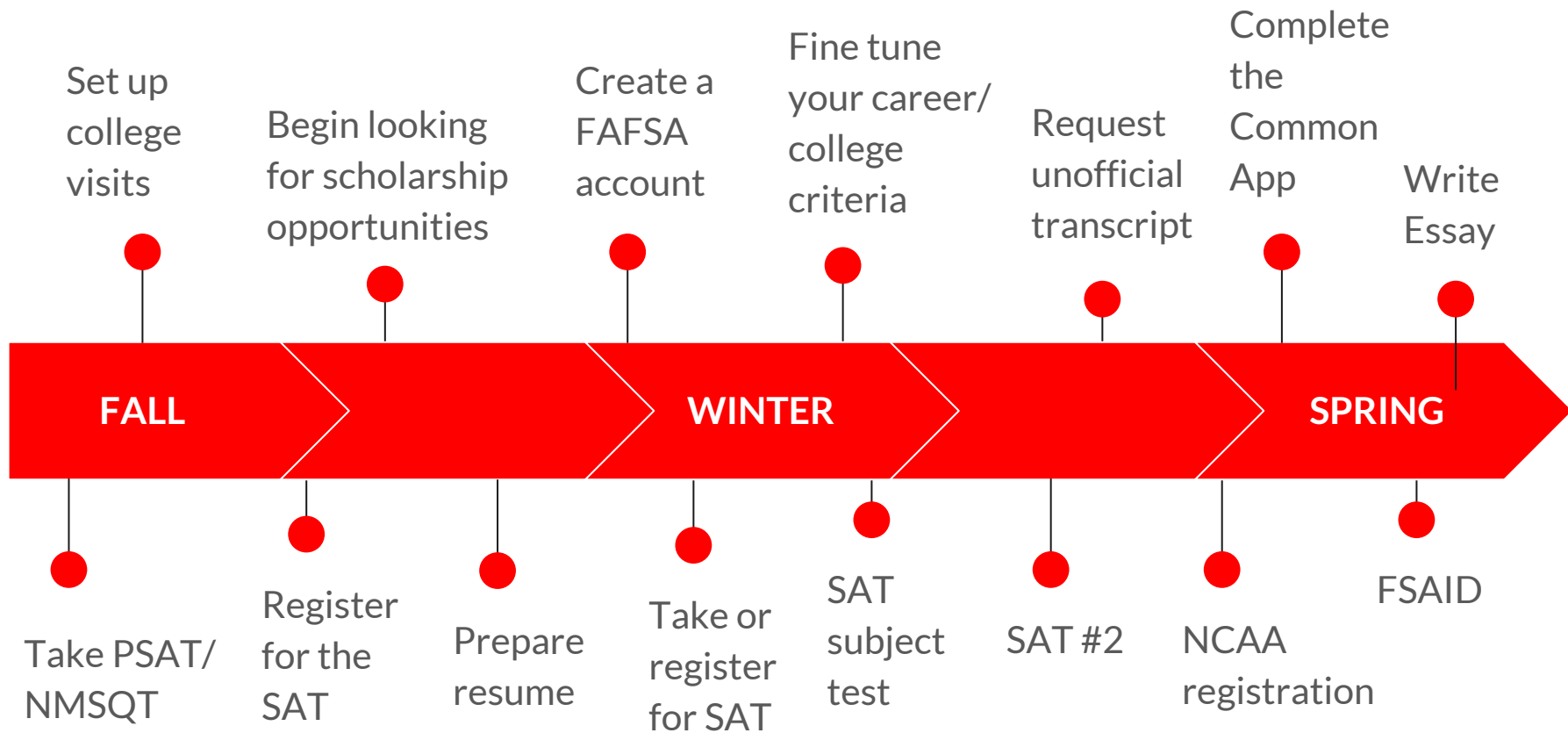
# College Essentials

- Location
- Distance from home
- Size
- Cost
- Learning Environment
- Student Support Services
- Living Options



**Grade 11**







## Additional Resources

### **The Common App**

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

### **Career Cruising**

<https://public.careercruising.com/en/>

### **The College Board**

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

### **FAFSA**

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

### **FSA ID**

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/fsaid>



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