

## College & Scholarship Checklist

# Set Your Course for Success



### Get Talking

- ▣ **Visit your school's career center** and learn how you can explore college choices and which programs are available to start planning early for college, such as the College Success Foundation's HERO program, Upward Bound, TRiO, GEAR UP or AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination).
- ▣ **Keep your parents or guardians informed** about what you are learning in school and your academic goals.
- ▣ **Attend parent-student conferences** to discuss your educational goals, grades and past state standardized test scores.
- ▣ **Begin talking about college costs** and saving for college with your parents or guardians, if you have not done so already.

### Stay the Course



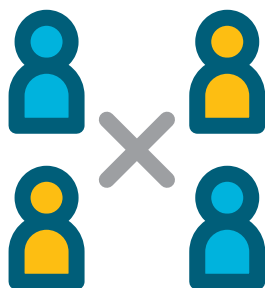
- ▣ **Review your college-going plan** with your high school guidance/academic counselors. Revise if needed. Make sure you are taking courses that will meet college admission requirements, which include credits in language arts, math, science, world languages, social science and visual or performing arts. Scan this poster's QR code to link to a printable worksheet to help you keep track.
- ▣ **Stay focused** on and organized in your classes, homework and school projects. Prioritize homework and daily tasks, plan ahead and keep track of assignments by using a student planner or a daily agenda. Turn in assignments early or on time.
- ▣ **Study by reviewing classroom materials**, creating flashcards, rewriting notes and quizzing your friends to help master the content you need to be a successful student. You can also take advantage of any practice tests offered at your school.

### Seek Wise Counsel



- ▣ **Take advantage** of available resources such as homework help sessions, study sessions or open library hours at your school or local library.
- ▣ **Get study buddies** to read and edit assignments. Set times to meet and help each other before an assignment is due.
- ▣ **Learn how** to appropriately ask for help from adults.

### Get Connected



- ▣ **Join college-readiness clubs** if they are offered at your high school.
- ▣ **Join clubs and get involved** in your new academic community.
- ▣ **Stay sharp.** You can prevent summer learning loss by reading books, reviewing classroom material from the school year and planning for the upcoming school year.

