

POSTSECONDARY PLANNING CHECKLIST

1. Attend College Rep visits this fall

- Search on MaiaLearning under the Events tab & RSVP using the Actions button

2. Research majors and/or careers

- Use MaiaLearning → Universities → Add schools to your considering list
 - Take an interest inventory survey if you are unsure what you want to do!

3. Narrow a list of universities, colleges, trade schools, military programs, etc.

- Use MaiaLearning → Universities → Add schools to your applying list
 - Look into the cost of tuition for each option
- For trade schools and military programs, look at each specific school/branch

4. Research information about admissions requirements, deadlines, etc.

- Use MaiaLearning or Collegedata.com
- Determine if the schools you are interested in are test optional or not!

5. Create an activities summary

- Detail all of your involvement, volunteer, and work experience

6. Letters of Recommendation: **Verify that the school requires a letter of recommendation. If the school does not require it, do not send one.**

- Provide your recommender advance notice and allow them 2-3 weeks to write your letter
- Fill out and upload the Brag Sheet on MaiaLearning under Recommendations

7. Write your personal statement and/or essays *(if needed by the school)*

- Give yourself 3-4 weeks to complete an essay and have someone check it

8. Check the Scholarship List

- Search on MaiaLearning under the Financial Plan tab

9. Make an appointment with your counselor to discuss postsecondary plans in fall

- I will be out of the building on Monday & Friday if you need to meet with me

10. Complete the FAFSA after it opens in December

- We will have many events in the fall to help you and your family understand how to pay for college.



College Night <i>*Parents & Students</i>	Thursday, September 28th, 2023 6:00-8:00 pm Palatine High School
First Generation Night <i>*Parents & Students</i>	Tuesday, October 17th, 2023 6:30-8:30 pm Palatine High School
Financial Aid Night & FSA ID <i>*Parents & Students</i> <i>(ISAC EVENT- English & Spanish)</i>	Wednesday, November 1st, 2023 6:00-8:00 pm Auditorium (ENG) & Media Center (ESP)
FSA ID Workshop- STUDENTS <i>(ISAC EVENT)</i>	Thursday, November 16th Lunch Hours Media Center- CC portion
FAFSA Completion Workshops <i>*Parents & Students</i> <i>(ISAC EVENT- English & Spanish)</i>	Thursday, January 25th, 2024 6:30-8:30 pm Media Center Wednesday, February 28th, 2024 6:30-8:30 pm Media Center
ISAC Office Hours- STUDENTS	Mondays, September-January for college apps Mondays, January-May for FAFSA Lunch Hours Media Center- CC portion

*Questions? Email or make an appointment to see
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