



# College and Career Guidance

*Your Work is Your Ministry*

## 11<sup>th</sup> Grade

### College Exploration: Connecting Career & Education

#### Essential Questions:

- What steps do I need to take in order to decide about my future career choice?
- What co-curricular activities, summer programs, and other opportunities might I want to add to my resume in order to demonstrate a well-rounded experience?
- Who can I discuss my career options with, and what will I ask them?

#### Scripture:

- “Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed.” (Proverbs 15:22)
- “As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.” (Proverbs 27:17)
- “The way of the fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice.” (Proverbs 12:15)

#### Competencies:

- Resourcefulness
- Well-roundedness
- Self-confidence
- Using online resources
- Informational Interviewing

#### Quotes:

“Sometimes the greatest risk is not taking one.” – Dan Miller

“Why are you doing what others can do while leaving undone what only you can do?” – Bruce Bugbee

“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” – Fredrick Buechner

“Tell me about the God you love; tell me about what He has inspired uniquely in you; tell me about what you’re going to do about it and a plan for your life will be pretty easy to figure out from there.” – Bob Goff

Source: Pamela Kilburn

# 11th Grade: To Do List

## ✓ Explore which college meets your needs

- Create a professional email account for all college correspondence; No nicknames or slang.
- Attend a college fair in the FALL
- Research admission requirements, tuition, and major programs
- Visit a college campus: College Visitation Request and Verification Forms; Prepare Interview Questions

## ✓ Track your credits for graduation

- SWCS High School Course Worksheet
- Oklahoma Academic Scholar Recognition: Avg. GPA 3.7 and ACT Composite 27

## ✓ Continue developing your portfolio of achievements

- Include work history, extracurricular activities, community service, and honors/awards
- Document grade level and time
- Free digital portfolio at [www.okcareerguide.org](http://www.okcareerguide.org) , [www.okcollegestart.org](http://www.okcollegestart.org) , [www.raise.me](http://www.raise.me)  
Earn micro-scholarships by filling out your profile.

## ✓ Prepare for graduation

- **Scholarships**
  - OK Regents Academic Scholars Program: ACT sum score of 135/SAT sum score 1580; Nation Merit Finalist automatically qualify; School dependent
  - Explore the many scholarships available at [www.ucango2.org](http://www.ucango2.org), [www.okcollegestart.org](http://www.okcollegestart.org), [www.studentscholarships.org](http://www.studentscholarships.org), [www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com), [www.college-scholarships.com](http://www.college-scholarships.com) and [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)
- **PSAT and ACT**
  - PSAT is **Tuesday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>** . Cost is ~ \$18. PSAT will be ONLINE this year so practice is vital. Online prep available at [www.satpractice.org](http://www.satpractice.org)
  - ACT Prep in three steps:
    1. ACT Workshop: Test Strategies
    2. Practice Test using test strategies; Online prep available [academy.act.org](http://academy.act.org)  
Recommended books – Kaplan or Princeton Review
    3. One-on-One tutoring as needed
  - ACT dates: ACT **School Test Days** are **Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>** . CEEB code for SWCS: **374-018**; A student may take the ACT up to 12 times. The writing test is optional. National ACT tests can be taken by registering at [myact.org](http://myact.org)
- **College Credit**
  - Dual Credit Program – SWCS has partnered with Colorado Christian University to offer the opportunity to receive college credit for a limited number of specific courses taken at SWCS; \$250 per course
  - Concurrent Studies: Though SWCS does not offer concurrent courses during the school day, students may consider summer options. Tuition waiver is available for seniors.

## ✓ Serve

- Super Kids Day – Celebrate with elementary students a great school year with a fun track and field day.
- Junior-Senior Banquet – Prepare an entertaining evening to honor our graduating seniors. Weekly planning meetings will be held during lunch. JSB is **April 25<sup>th</sup>**.
- Graduation – Students may receive the honor of serving as ushers during our graduation ceremony.

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