

# SOUTH DAKOTA

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### PARENT CHECKLIST OF AN 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENT

#### Summer

- Encourage your student to find internship opportunities.** If financially possible, this can positively impact college applications or future employment applications.
- Encourage your student to seek out volunteer opportunities.** Volunteer work can help learn new skills, gain experience, make new contacts, and show potential employers they are a caring individual who also has drive and ambition.
- Encourage your student to visit with students who are home from college.** This will give students great insight into what college life is really like.
- Help your student create an activities resume.** Explore careers and improve opportunities for college acceptance and scholarships.
- Help your student create a budget.** This can include learning how to manage your expenses and to learn how to save, especially if your student has a part-time job.

#### Fall

- Make sure your student meets with the school counselor.** This is an important transition time for his/her future in preparing for college, career, apprenticeships, or armed services.
- Engage your students in discussions about their future.** To help them stay focused and motivated, encourage them to set goals for the year.
- Help your junior get ready for the PSAT in October.** This is a preliminary test that helps students practice for the SAT and assess their academic skills. Juniors who do well on the test are eligible for scholarship opportunities.
- Encourage your student to take the Armed Services Vocational Assessment Battery (ASVAB).** This is a very beneficial FREE assessment for ALL students. The ASVAB assists with career exploration, is required for joining the military, and predicts how college-bound students will score on the ACT.

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### Winter

- Review results of PSAT and/or ASVAB.** Discuss career and academic strengths as well as areas for growth and improvement.
- Be informed about upcoming ACT and SAT registration deadlines and testing dates.** Check with the school to see if your student qualifies for a fee waiver.
- Encourage your student to participate in extracurricular activities.** Employers and colleges are looking for well-rounded individuals.
- Plan college visits.** This will help your student learn more about campus life.

### Spring

- Encourage your student to take the ACT or SAT test.**
- Talk to your counselor about your student's senior schedule.** Encourage your student to consider enrolling in AP or dual enrollment courses to earn college credit.
- Encourage your student to meet with a Career Launch Career Advisor.** If your child is unsure about his/her future, the Career Launch program can provide additional career exploration, help students determine which type of training or pathway is the best fit, and other employment opportunities and resources to support the student and his/her future.

Sources: Myfuture.com; Educationquest.org; Collegeboard.org; Careerlaunchsd.com