Your Planning Checklist

and plan using "My Organizer" on www.collegeboard.com.

Grade 10

From First in the Family: Advice About College from First-Generation Students – Your High School Years, by Kathleen Cushman (Next Generation Press, 2005)

Keep taking the most challenging courses you can.
If you are having trouble with your schoolwork, ask for help. If the teacher doesn't have time for you, ask another adult or a student who is doing well in that class.
Which teachers do you connect with best this year? Write their names here:
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Stay involved in the activities you most care about—at school, after school, and in the summer. Which ones do you most care about this year? List them here:
1. 2. 3. 4.
The more you care about your extra activities, the more they matter to college admissions. Don't do things just to make a longer list-better to do a few things well.
Go to www.collegeboard.com and sign up for a free student account. Once you do this, go to "My Organizer" and it will help you get through your "to-do" list for tests and applications. Take it step by step—it's easier than it looks!
Early in September, ask your guidance counselor to help you sign up for preliminary college admissions tests like the PSAT. Your scores on these will not count when you apply to college, and they are good practice for later.
Many college entrance tests like these charge a fee. If you cannot afford the fee, ask your counselor to help you apply for a waiver, so you can take the test anyway.
When you get your test results, ask your guidance counselor or a teacher to explain how to make sense of the scores. If you hope to do better next time, ask about what kind of extra preparation you will need.
In April, ask your guidance counselor to help you register for the SAT Subject Tests, given in June. These one-hour exams test you on academic subjects such as biology, chemistry, math, physics, and foreign languages. Take SAT Subject Tests soon after you complete a course in that subject. (Select the "score choice" option. This way, you can take more Subject Tests in eleventh and twelfth grades, and then send colleges only your best results.)
Many colleges require three SAT Subject Tests. Some colleges recommend or require Math Level 1 or Math Level 2. Not all SAT Subject Tests are given on every test date. Check the calendar carefully to determine when the Subject Tests you want are offered,

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Ask your counselor about summer enrichment opportunities like Upward Bound. If you can't find one in your area, go to www.google.com and search for "youth college readiness summer programs." (Add the word "minority" if it applies to you.)			
Look at this list and check any other summer activities you could explore:			
Volunteer at a workplace that interests you (like a library, a radio station, a YMCA)			
Sign up for a career exploration course or program at a local community college			
Participate in music, art, theatre, or dance offerings in your community			
Take a course that will help you do better on college admissions tests			
Practice computer skills at your public library			
Write your own ideas here:			
Get together with several classmates a	nd talk about what you have been doing to exp	olore your college plans.	
Keep reading as much as you can. Make a list of all the books you read this year. Put a star next to the ones you liked the best, and make a note as to why.			
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