



# **9th-11th Graders "What Should I Be Doing Right Now?"**

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# Introduction

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# A Grain of Salt - Balance



# Self-Inventory

## LOG IN ON TABLES

## WORK IN PAIRS OR TRIADS

[www.corsava.com](http://www.corsava.com)

10 MINUTES

Create login

Work through questions

Discuss as a table

Whole Group  
**- FIST OF FOUR -**

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# Corsava LogIn

Your Student Registration Link

Use this link:

<https://cloud.corsava.com/student/setup?id=ey18643>

# In the Classroom

- Get the best grades in the toughest classes...

FOR THAT STUDENT!

- Colleges look at students in the context of the schools that they attend
- Plan your high school classes based on interest/abilities and career interests

# Outside of the Classroom

- Explore and engage with extracurricular activities
- (e.g., clubs, sports, community service, fine and performing;arts, work, and other in-or out-of-school activities) that align with your values and strengths
- Create an Activity Log
- Strive for
  - Consistency**
  - Depth**

# Specific Preparation

## **Athletes**

- Familiarize yourself with the NCAA and NAIA athletic recruiting requirements
- If you think you may play Division I or II sports in college:
- Register for the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Clearinghouse.
- Register for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes (NAIA) Eligibility Center.
- Familiarize yourself with National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) requirements.

## **Fine and Performing Arts**

- Sign up for Performing & Visual Arts College Fairs.
- Create an admissions requirements spreadsheet for fine and performing arts programs.
- You most likely need to create a portfolio and audition materials, prepare to spend 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> working on pieces.

## Engage with Your School/Guidance Counselor -

- There are many opportunities for students to engage with their counselors on an annual basis:
  - Advisory
  - Scheduling
  - Individual Meetings

# Explore the Future

- **Naviance**

- Parent Account Set-up

Contact Crystal Garrity ([garrityc@arps.org](mailto:garrityc@arps.org))

- **College Board**

(<https://www.collegeboard.org/>)

- Big Future

- **MEFA Pathways - My Plan for the Future**



- (<https://www.mefapathway.org/>)

The image shows the homepage of the Naviance website. The top navigation bar includes links for "SOLUTIONS", "SERVICES", "PARTNERS", "RESOURCES", and a "GET STARTED" button. The main heading is "CONNECTING LEARNING to Life". Below the heading, there is a sub-headline: "Naviance is a comprehensive college, career and life readiness solution that helps districts and schools align student strengths and interests to postsecondary goals, ". On the left side of the page, there is an image of a notebook and a pen.

The image shows a screenshot of the College Board Big Future website. The page has a blue header with the "BigFuture" logo and navigation links for "Get Started", "Find Colleges", "Explore Careers", "Pay for College", and "Get In". The main content area has a blue background with the text "Create Your Road Map" and "Save all your college planning activities by signing into your College Board account.". It features input fields for "Username" and "Password" and a "Sign In" button. Below this, there is a green section with the text "There are more than 2,000 colleges in the United States." and "Find the right college for you.".

# Explore College Financing

- **Parents:** Start exploring how to pay for college.
- **Students:** Colleges expect students to pay for their educations (\$2,000-\$4,000)

Net Price Calculator - <https://collegecost.ed.gov/net-price>

**Merit Aid** – Big J (<http://www.personalcollegeadmissions.com/>)

# College Entrance Exams

## SAT & ACT

- College Board's PSAT: Take the October PSAT as a sophomore
- Test Optional Schools

# Summer Enrichment

- Plan a summer experience that helps your student explore a passion or interest
- Summer reading: Expand your vocabulary and your world

# Q&A

- Questions?