

Upward Bound at MPC

Eleventh Grade Checklist:

- Continue to take college preparatory courses. Colleges look for students who challenge themselves.
- Keep updating your college file.
- Take the [PSAT](#) Test. You must take it this year to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship and the National Hispanic Scholar Awards.
- Prepare for the [SAT I](#) or the [ACT](#)! You should plan to take it twice since most colleges will use your highest score when evaluating your application. You may wish to attend test preparatory courses before taking the test.
- Take the SAT I or the ACT in May or June. Your counselor can provide you with the test dates, registration packet and information about fee waivers. Check the deadlines.
- Start thinking about taking the [Subject Tests](#) (formerly [SAT II](#): Subject Tests). Subject Tests are designed to measure your knowledge and skills in particular subject areas, as well as your ability to apply that knowledge. Many colleges use the Subject Tests for admission, for course placement, and to advise students about course selection. Used in combination with other background information (your high school record, scores from other tests like the SAT Reasoning Test, teacher recommendations, etc.), they provide a dependable measure of your academic achievement and are a good predictor of future performance. Some colleges specify the Subject Tests they require for admission or placement; others allow applicants to choose which tests to take. Most students take Subject Tests toward the end of their junior year or at the beginning of their senior year.
- Attend college fairs and presentations by college representatives.
- Create a file on each college and university which appeals to you.
- Start thinking about the type of college you would like to attend – small or large, public or private.
- Ask questions when you don't understand something.
- When you visit colleges and universities, ask to meet with an admissions counselor and a student.
- Ask family members who have attended college what college was like for them.
- Use the Internet to search for colleges.
- Make a file for information about scholarships, grants, eligibility requirements and deadlines.
- Use the Internet to find private scholarships and fellowships.
- Continue saving for college.