**11TH GRADE PASSPORT**

Things you can do towards graduation and higher education + career

- Review classes for college admissions and your academic record with your school counselor. Strengthen any weak areas.
- Prepare for and take ACT/SAT. Remember you can take these more than once.
- Attend financial aid info sessions and begin scholarship search.
- Build relationships with staff at your school. This can help with recommendation letter requests and resume references.
- Attend college nights, and fairs. Also attend college tours during breaks.
- Explore educational requirements of careers that interest you. Investigate internship or job shadowing opportunities.
- Identify educational goals and colleges consistent with your career interests. Use this to build on your successes and performance.
- Compose a draft of your personal essay. This can be used for scholarship and college applications.

**Tips:**

- Select courses for senior year that strengthen your academic record and ensure you meet graduation requirements
- Check your transcript at the end of 11th grade to make sure it is correct. Talk with your counselor about any errors.
- Review how to complete college application. Understand requirements since many schools have a different process.
- Obtain a letter that verifies you were in foster care from your county social worker. This can help when applying to college and financial aid
- Update your resume
- Ask for help! This is a lot to do on your own!

**Resources:**

- College Scholarships: https://www.fastweb.com
- Denver Internships: https://www.indeed.com/q-Summer-High-School-Internship-l-Denver,-CO-jobs.html
- Volunteer Opportunities: https://www.volunteermatch.org
- DPS Foster and Kinship Program: https://childservices.dpsk12.org/foster-kinship-care