

CAREER GUIDANCE  
**Eastern High School**

12<sup>th</sup> grade

\_\_\_\_\_NAME

MAKING THE MOST OF HIGH SCHOOL  
**HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND PLAN**

**HIGH SCHOOL EXAMS.** Check the exams you have taken already. Put an X next to those you plan to take:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ACT  | <input type="checkbox"/> End-of-course exam(s)               | <input type="checkbox"/> AP Exam(s)         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PSAT | <input type="checkbox"/> SAT Subject Test(s)                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other exams: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SAT  | <input type="checkbox"/> ASVAB (military/career exploration) |   |

**POSTSECONDARY VISITS.** It is recommended that you visit the post-secondary program you plan to enroll in. I have visited a post secondary program I plan to enroll in.

- Yes       No

**POST-SECONDARY APPLICATION.** List the postsecondary institutions to which you plan to apply (or have applied already) and the program or major you hope to pursue at each. If you have not applied or chosen a major please write "undecided." It is recommended that you apply as early in your senior year as possible. Some colleges have early decision deadlines as early as December 1. If you plan to enter the military please write your plan below.

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By the time you graduate it is recommended that you apply to at least one postsecondary program. Use [www.CheckOutACollege.com](http://www.CheckOutACollege.com) (for community and technical college) or [www.CollegeBoard.org](http://www.CollegeBoard.org) (for four-year college) to identify at least one postsecondary program that sounds interesting to you. You can also visit websites like <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/> or [www.mynextmove.org](http://www.mynextmove.org).

**BUDGET.** No matter what your postsecondary plans, you will need to develop a budget. For most postsecondary plans, you will need financial aid. By the time you graduate from high school please complete your FAFSA (Free Application For Student Aid) and at least one scholarship application. You can apply for a scholarship through a postsecondary institution or by finding one in the high school Guidance office. Write about your plan to finance your postsecondary education.

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**RESUME/ACTIVITY LOG.** By the time you graduate, you should have completed a resume and/or activity log. A resume might help you find a job right away or a part time job while you're in college. An activity log can help you inform your teachers of your activities and achievements in high school in order to write you a good letter of recommendation. Below, list any paid or volunteer jobs you have held (babysitting, tutoring, working in a store, camp counselor, volunteering, etc).

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**ALMOST DONE.** Please check off all activities you have done to prepare yourself for your postsecondary plans. Please circle any activity you need help completing.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Resume/Activity Log      | <input type="checkbox"/> Had my ACT/SAT scores sent         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chosen a College/Program to attend | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed FAFSA                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Requested Transcript               | <input type="checkbox"/> Completed Scholarship Applications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signed up for military             | <input type="checkbox"/> Searched for jobs                  |