

## 10th Grade: Expanding Horizons

### Fall (September–November):

- **Academic Progress:** Continue taking challenging courses and maintaining good grades.
- **PSAT:** Take the PSAT for practice and to identify strengths and weaknesses. All tenth graders are eligible to sit for the PSATs in Oct unless individual education plans has different goals.
- **Extracurricular Commitment:** Deepen involvement in chosen activities and consider leadership roles.

### Winter (December–February):

- **Career Research:** Shadow professionals or attend career fairs to learn more about potential fields of interest.
- **Grade Check-In:** Address academic challenges early and seek resources to improve.
- **College Exploration:** Begin researching colleges of interest and their admission requirements.

### Spring (March–May):

- **Sophomore Year Review:** Reflect on achievements and challenges, and adjust your plans accordingly. Meet with a counselor to select courses for junior year.
- **Test Preparation:** Start preparing for standardized tests like the SAT or ACT (practice questions, prep courses).
- **Technical School Applications:** MCVSD Applications are due in late March. Big factors in determining acceptance are academic success (grades) and attendance.
- **College Visits:** Visit local colleges or attend college fairs to get a sense of campus life and programs.
- **Summer Planning:** Look into summer programs, internships, or volunteering opportunities related to your interests.

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