



**Baltimore Educational Scholarship Trust Parent Online Learning Center**  
***The College Process: A Roadmap for Parents***

Please use this as a supplemental document to “*The College Process: A Roadmap for Parents*” video. This is intended to assist you as you take notes on the topics discussed.

**Holistic Read to Application Process**

- GPA
- SAT
- Academics
- Extracurricular Activities
- Writing Skills
- Interview Presentation
- Recommendations
- Community Initiatives
- Other Areas Where Your Student is Active

**Merit-Based Financial Aid**

- GPA
- SAT
- Talent in the Arts, Music, Athletics, etc.
- Scholarships Awarded Based on Merit

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- Find a place that needs a volunteer or can hire you every summer to build responsibility
- Create experiences to discuss during an interview or write about in an essay. “The more life experiences you have the more opportunities you have to talk about your life”

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- PSAT = Practice for the SAT. Use the feedback and results from the PSAT to get an idea of where you test
- If you score in a lower percentile on the PSAT, either strengthen your test-taking skills or leverage your grades and resume to mitigate
- Carve out test prep time
- Carve out time for journal-writing so you begin feeling comfortable writing a college essay

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade**

- “Choose to challenge yourself”, i.e. take the more difficult class in the subject area in which you already excel; continue with your language classes; etc.
- Remember, “Who you are at the end of junior year is who you are when marching into the college application process.”

**12th Grade**

- Apply to college
- Invest time getting to know the college counselor and give the counselor time to get to know you

**9th – 12th Grade**

- Develop a relationship with your teachers - this helps your teachers understand that you are invested in learning

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