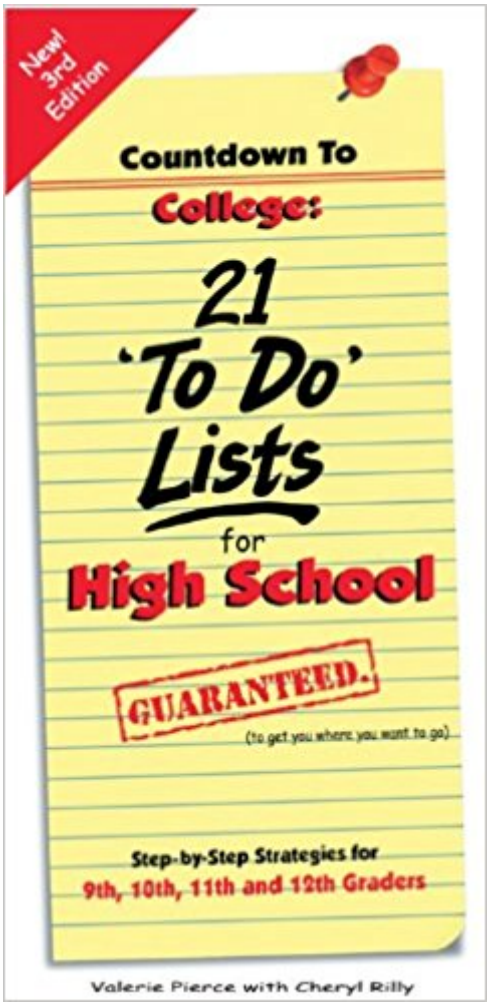
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Countdown To College: 21 'To Do' Lists For High School



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Synopsis

An easy timeline to help high school students maximize each of their 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade years and optimize their chances of getting into the college of their choice. These 'to do' lists provide both students and parents with the 'nitty gritty' details necessary to prepare for the college admissions process. There will be no missed deadlines or missed opportunities as this step-by-step guide show students and parents WHAT TO DO and WHEN TO DO IT! No family with college bound high schoolers should be without this comprehensive, easy to follow, resource.

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Customer Reviews

Valerie Pierce, M.Ed, is a counselor in a Title 1 high school in the Cypress Fairbanks School District and a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC), in Texas. Ã Â As a first generation college graduate herself, she is committed to helping students from all backgrounds prepare for college and/or post secondary career programs. Over the last fifteen years, through city wide community parent and student workshops, nonprofit online and in person seminars and through her professional school counseling responsibilities, Valerie has helped thousands of first generation and traditional students streamline the seemingly daunting process of academic planning, finding resources and applying to college.Ã Â The inspiration for her book began with the lists that Valerie originally created to prepare her own daughter for college. These lists were continually updated for other students she counseled, and then again for her son many years later.Ã Â Her savvy, insightful advice and committment to the success of these young people is reflected in the comprehensive, yet easy to

follow timeline the book provides. Valerie continues to be passionate about sharing her knowledge and continues to help high school students achieve their educational goals.Cheryl Rilly is a gifted researcher and writer in the educational arena. At the time this book was written, she was also the 'official' mentor and 'go-to' person for her niece, Jessica, on all things related to Jess's acceptance to the colleges of her choice. That propelled Ms. Rilly on a mission to learn the nuances of college admissions requirements for colleges across the nation. That knowledge, in combination with Valerie Pierce's expertise and daily interaction with college bound high schoolers in Texas, is the source for this comprehensive, yet engaging book. It's an invaluable resource for students and parents alike. (Jessica was admitted and graduated from her 'dream' college.)Suzette Tyler is a former academic adviser at Michigan State University where she counseled students during their critical freshmen and sophomore years as they were adjusting to the academic and social demands of college. Through her countless conversations with these students, and often during the heartfelt self-revelations of probation conferences, it became clear that some of the best advice ever comes from the students themselves. With that, Ms. Tyler began interviewing students from colleges throughout the country, as well as talking with instructors, professors and admissions officers from a variety of institutions. Based on these interviews, Mrs. Tyler produced "Been There, Should'ver Done That - 995 tips for making the most of college" which provides collegians with solid advice for college success in an engaging, non-textbook format. She also collaborated with Cheryl Rilly and Valerie Pierce in editing the book, Countdown to College: 21 'To Do' Lists for High School.

This book was recommended by our high school's college counselor when our son was a freshman. He is now entering his senior year and it has been has and our "go to" whenever we've needed information, explanations or suggestions for navigating high school. I just purchased the new edition for my niece who's starting high school. The book is comprehensive, yet concise, and I particularly like the fact that the timeline format has allowed us as parents to know "what's up" and when and how we can be supportive. I would also say that the countless resources and opportunities suggested throughout the book have definitely broadened our son's horizons, especially the section on "making summers count". The financial aid section has been of particular benefit to us--we would have clearly headed in the wrong direction had we not read this! All in all, this is a wonderful reference tool for any household with a son or daughter in high school.

The lists provide guidance and sequenced steps of what to do at each stage in high school. Really useful to make sure no stone is left unturned and to know in advance to prepare for the actions

taken later on. Only drawback is that it’s not terribly detailed...but that’s not what this book is about. This book is to provide a grocery list so at the end of four years you can kick back and enjoy a gourmet meal.

Awesome book to navigate the treacherous and intimidating path to selecting schools, applying and getting accepted to schools. Seems to me that every question I had was answered in this book, from various websites able to help students narrow career selections via personality tests to websites to narrow the schools, to what to look for on visits to campuses and when to visit, to writing your resume, writing essays (who should proof them), differences in SAT and ACT, and way more!! Even the college student comments were ridiculously helpful (girl drove to school to "look around", did not get a tour of campus, dorms or meet a prof in her major and ended up turning away a $24K scholarship because she was unimpressed). I think this is the only book I need, it points me in the right direction, and we can go from there. Really, just buy it.

great for any college attendee

I have loaned out my second copy and will probably buy 2-3 more because we have lots of friends with kids in high school. Everyone LOVES this. This is another awesome book I stumbled upon on that we’ve been referring to a lot for the past two years. Nice affordable gift for a family or a teenager. Great resource to help you keep up with the tests, college applications, finances, scholarships, jobs, visiting schools, and almost every imaginable part of college preparation. No matter what grade your student is in, it is not too late. You will find lots of helpful information to help you get on track and ready for college. Highly recommend this!

I have purchased this book several times for family and friends that are entering high school and it is an invaluable guide - kudos to the authors!

My son is a junior in HS and wants to play college ball. We weren’t getting much information from the school so after purchasing this book it shed a lot of light on what we need to be doing. Wished we would of had it his freshman year. Great book of information for a family sending someone to college or the first time. It not only gives you where you need to be but how to achieve it! I bought this book for my niece and have recommended it to several of my friends.

This is a very structured and comprehensive book. It highlights all the necessary steps for high schoolers (and their parents) to stay on target for picking and attending the right college. Thumbing through it occasionally is a great way to remember to do things in a timely fashion. I recommend it to any and all parents of 9th through 12th graders.

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