

College Planning Calendars

Remember: *You should be talking with your parents throughout this entire process! You should also be actively researching various college options on an ongoing basis. This calendar is designed to give you general direction regarding what happens, and when.*

9th Grade

Get off to a strong start in your high school career

1. Get off to a good start! Study hard and turn in all assignments.
2. Get to know your teachers.
3. Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss your career and college goals, and to design a four-year high school plan to reach your goals.
4. Familiarize yourself with the high school curriculum and keep up with your four-year plan.
5. Read, read, read!
6. Think about what extracurricular activities you're genuinely interested in and to which you're willing to commit the time.
7. Find out about summer activities, jobs, or volunteer opportunities that will expand your experience and skills.
8. Take advantage of every opportunity to participate in enrichment activities.

10th Grade

This list can help avoid slipping into the dreaded sophomore slump!

1. Continue to study hard and follow your four-year plan.
1. Sign up to take the **PLAN** (www.act.org/plan) test (Preliminary ACT) during the fall to prepare you for the ACT, a college entrance exam. The PLAN also includes a career interest inventory or the SAT (Preliminary SAT) (www.collegeboard.com).
2. Meet with your guidance counselor to talk about your college and career plans, and how you are progressing.
3. Continue to add to your résumé as you participate in extracurricular activities in school or the community.
4. If you haven't already, begin some type of community service.
5. Take advantage of every opportunity to participate in enrichment activities, including summer programs.
6. Visit the guidance department and explore college catalogs and other materials.
7. Visit college websites to look at requirements for admission, different academic majors, and general information.