

Preparing for College and Career

9 th Grade (Freshman)	10 th Grade (Sophomore Year)	11 th Grade (Junior Year)	12 th Grade (Senior Year)
<p>Meet with your counselor to discuss your goals.</p> <p>Make sure you are enrolled in College Prep courses.</p> <p>Start a college search to find out required courses and tests of colleges you might want to attend.</p> <p>Start a calendar with important dates and deadlines.</p> <p>Get involved in extracurricular activities.</p> <p>Attend college fairs.</p> <p>Learn about college costs and how financial aid works.</p> <p>Explore colleges on line and visit colleges while they are in session.</p> <p>Sign up for Advanced Placement (AP) courses for the 10th grade.</p> <p>Create a college file to save: report cards, certificates, a list of honors and awards, a list of school and community activities, a list of offices you hold, and a list of both paid and volunteer jobs.</p>	<p>Review your goals with your counselor</p> <p>Ensure you are enrolled in College Prep and AP courses.</p> <p>Enroll in Electives classes that align with your career goals.</p> <p>Sign up to take the PSAT in October.</p> <p>Continue your college search to find out the required courses and tests of colleges you might be interested in attending.</p> <p>Continue your calendar with important dates and deadlines.</p> <p>Stay involved in extracurricular activities. Attend college fairs.</p> <p>Continue to research college costs and financial aid.</p> <p>Start preparing to take the SAT test. Visit colleges while they are in session.</p> <p>Sign up for the AP courses for the 11th grade.</p> <p>Update your college file.</p> <p>Consider enrolling in Career and Technical Education classes that earn college credit.</p>	<p>Discuss your post-secondary plans with your counselor and continue to take College Prep and AP and CTE courses.</p> <p>Enroll in Electives classes that align with your career goals.</p> <p>Sign up early to take the PSAT in October.</p> <p>Continue your college search and begin researching majors and careers.</p> <p>Plan to take the SAT or ACT in the spring.</p> <p>(If you have taken the PSAT you may use the access code on your score report to sign in to College Board's "My College QuickStart," or Khan Academy to use the personalized planning kit to prepare for the SAT.)</p> <p>Continue to prepare for the SAT. Study using websites and apps to help you with the questions that are hard for you.</p> <p>Explore career options in the College and Career Center and online.</p> <p>Prepare for and take the AP Exams to receive credit or placement at most colleges.</p> <p>Plan your senior year class schedule with your counselor.</p> <p>Update your college file.</p> <p>Consider enrolling in Career and Technical Education classes.</p>	<p>In August and September, narrow your list of colleges and get applications and financial aid information from each.</p> <p>Enroll in Electives classes that align with your career goals.</p> <p>Update your college file.</p> <p>Mark your calendar with test dates, fees, application due dates, financial aid application deadlines and scholarship deadlines.</p> <p>Register for the SAT and/or ACT. Take by December.</p> <p>Ask for letters of recommendations to send with applications.</p> <p>Write application essays and ask teachers, parents and friends to edit.</p> <p>File your UC and CSU applications by November 30th.</p> <p>Search for scholarships and ask your counselor about local and state funding sources.</p> <p>Submit your FAFSA as early as October 1.</p> <p>May 1: You must choose your college by this date and inform colleges of your acceptance or rejection of offers of admission or financial aid.</p> <p>Prepare for and take the AP Exams to receive credit or placement at most colleges.</p> <p>Spring- Apply to Community College and take assessments.</p>