



College Planning

Upper School Events Timeline

EIGHTH GRADE

- Develop a four year academic plan.

NINTH GRADE

- Create Naviance account – Start resume.
- Take the ACT program's Pre-ACT.
- Take the PSAT 8/9 (Pre-SAT).
- Meet your Advisor and begin establishing a relationship.
- Keep your grades up so you can have the highest GPA possible.

TENTH GRADE

- Take the Pre-ACT.
- Take the PSAT (Pre-SAT) for practice and possibly qualifying for the PSAT Team in 11th Grade.
- Begin thinking about your interests, abilities, personality, values and what career and post-high school options might be the best fit for you.
- Update resume in Naviance.
- Take Naviance Assessments.

ELEVENTH GRADE

- Take the PSAT/NMSQT. This test is used for qualifying students for National Merit Scholarships.
- Begin thinking about criteria for college that's important to you (location, size, distance from home, majors, public or private).
- Visit colleges of interest.
- Take the ACT and/or SAT.
- Take In-school ACT in the spring.
- Begin collecting college application information.
- Complete Naviance assessments.
- Draft college essays in English class.
- Advisors begin college planning group meetings in the spring.
- Attend College 101 classes offered in the summer.

TWELFTH GRADE

- Complete applications to the colleges of your choice before October 1st.
- Continue to take a full load of courses.
- Retake the SAT or ACT if necessary.
- Meet with your Advisor to complete the college admission process.
- Complete Financial Aid Form (FAFSA) beginning October 1.
- Research and apply for scholarships and financial aid.
- Notify your Advisor and bring copies of all acceptance notifications from colleges/universities.
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- Make final plans about what college or university to attend and notify schools of your intent by designated timelines.
- National Decision Day is May 1 – the final deadline to notify colleges of your decision to attend. You must inform every college of your acceptance or rejection of the offer of admission and/or financial aid.

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