

College Planning Timeline - Fall

	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade
FALL	<p>Discover your interests using the career exploration tools in Naviance.</p> <p>Keep your grades up! Your cumulative GPA begins in 9th grade. Get involved. Join a club or activity you enjoy.</p> <p>Volunteer at school or in your community. Keep track of your activities and hours using the resume tool in Naviance.</p>	<p>PSAT (Practice SAT) can give you some practice taking a college readiness exam.</p> <p>Keep your grades up! Stay on track, and make sure you take advantage of after school tutoring if you are struggling.</p> <p>Continue exploring careers. A fun way to explore is "Roadtrip Nation" available in Naviance.</p> <p>Begin exploring Career Tech options.</p>	<p>Stay on top of your grades. Remember - Junior year is the last set of grades colleges will see when you apply in the fall of your senior year.</p> <p>Take the PSAT. Scores from the junior year PSAT are entered for National Merit Scholarship competition.</p> <p>Attend college admission rep visits at school. Admission counselors from over 30 universities visit GlenOak High School. Sign up in Naviance.</p> <p>Establish a relationship with your admission reps. They will be the ones reviewing your application.</p> <p>Attend GlenOak's Financial Aid Night. Start building your list of top 5 colleges using the college search tools in Naviance. Add them to your list of "Colleges I'm Thinking About" in Naviance.</p> <p>Register to take or retake the ACT or SAT.</p> <p>SAT Subject Tests (may be required for selective university admission).</p>	<p>Submit applications to admission between September and October for maximum scholarships and financial aid consideration.</p> <p>Be aware of early deadlines, and ask your teachers for letters of recommendation early if they are required by the colleges to which you are applying.</p> <p>All transcripts and letters of recommendation for college applications are requested through Naviance and will be submitted electronically, which can be tracked by the student, parent and counselor.</p> <p>Meet with college reps during their visits at GlenOak.</p> <p>October 1: Apply for financial aid using the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). FAFSA.ED.GOV Attend GlenOak's Financial Aid Night if you did not attend the previous year.</p> <p>Visit Campus; just your top choices this time.</p>

College Planning Timeline - Spring

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<h1>Spring</h1>	<p>Think about what courses you would like to take next year.</p> <p>Start learning about college. Look at the information available in Naviance using the College Supermatch tool.</p> <p>Choose your classes for the following school year with your college future in mind. Focus on choosing what is appropriately rigorous, and what is congruent with your genuine interests.</p>	<p>Maintain your involvement with extra-curricular activities, and maybe take on a leadership position.</p> <p>Choose your classes for the following school year with your college future in mind. Focus on choosing what is appropriately rigorous, and what is congruent with your genuine interests.</p> <p>Consider taking the ACT or SAT, especially if you are in an advanced math (Algebra II, or beyond).</p>	<p>Visit campuses. Students have 3 excused absences per year for college visits. Make sure you contact admissions to make an official appointment, or attend an open house.</p> <p>Start narrowing your list of colleges and clarify admission processes, deadlines and requirements. Select challenging coursework for senior year. Colleges look at schedule strength when making admission decisions. All GlenOak 11th graders take the ACT during school free of charge.</p> <p>Finish the year strong. Maintain those grades!</p>	<p>Apply for local scholarships. They are posted in Naviance on the "Colleges" tab, under "Scholarship List".</p> <p>Review acceptance offers and financial aid packages. If you have questions, contact the university admissions and financial aid offices. They are there to help.</p> <p>Update your Naviance account as you receive decision letters to inform us of the status of your status (accepted, denied, wait-listed)</p> <p>By May 1st: Make a decision and accept one of your offers by submitting your deposit to the university. Also, notify the other colleges that accepted you that you will not be attending. You won't hurt their feelings. They need to know so that they can focus their efforts on students who may still be interested.</p>



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Summer	<p>Make your summer count, and continue to build on your credentials (summer camps, volunteer, etc).</p>	<p>Find a summer job! A steady job will provide work experience and connections in the community.</p> <p>Consider attending a summer camp at a university to give yourself exposure to what campus life is like.</p>	<p>Continue to build your credentials by working, volunteering and doing community service.</p> <p>Consider attending a summer camp at one of the universities you are seriously considering.</p> <p>Attend a summer open house or go on a campus visit at one or more of your top choices.</p> <p>Finalize the list of colleges to which you will apply.</p>	<p>Attend college orientation and register for your classes.</p>