

Foothill High School College Timeline

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September	☒ Develop course plans for the next 4 years. ☒ Begin writing your high school resume – keep track of all extracurricular activities, academic awards, community involvement, etc.	☒ Review your high school course plans. ☒ Take the PSAT and/or PLAN this year. ☒ Continue to develop your high school resume. ☒ Attend College Visits in the Career Center.	☒ If you haven't already done so, apply for a social security card. ☒ Register for the PSAT in October. ☒ Continue to develop your high school resume. ☒ Attend College Visits in the Career Center. ☒ Remember that Junior year grades are very important – study hard!	☒ Reduce your college list to 10-15 colleges. ☒ Register to take the SAT/ ACT and SAT Subject Tests as necessary. ☒ Request SAT-I, ACT, and SAT Subject Test scores be sent to your colleges. ☒ Attend College Visits in the Career Center. ☒ Take the hardest course load you can manage and STUDY HARD! ☒ Start your applications early. ☒ Stay organized: file copies of applications and correspondence.
October	☒ Do your best work in all of your classes. ☒ Attend the Tri-Valley College Fair. ☒ Visit at least one local college this year.	☒ Explore the resources available to you in your counseling center and career center. ☒ Possibly take the PSAT. ☒ Continue to do your best work in class. ☒ Attend the Tri-Valley College Fair.	☒ Take the PSAT. ☒ Attend the Tri-Valley College Fair. ☒ Explore the resources available to you in your Career Center. ☒ Involve yourself in clubs and extracurricular activities throughout the year.	☒ Review your transcripts to verify accuracy. ☒ Take SAT-I, ACT, and SAT Subject Test scores if necessary (NOTE: October is the last date that makes scores available in time for early decision and early action programs). ☒ Oct. 1-Nov. 30 is the application filing period for CSU campuses. ☒ Write your college essay (UC and Private) ☒ Ask teachers to write Letters of recommendation (not necessary for UC, CSU, or community colleges). ☒ Attend Tri-Valley College Fair.
November	☒ <u>Read! Read! Read!</u> Students who read often receive higher scores on admissions tests. Also, many colleges/scholarships will ask you to make a list of or reference books you have read outside of school assignments.	☒ Continue to evaluate your personality, interests, and skills. ☒ Continue to research jobs and careers. ☒ Continue to be involved in extracurricular activities – take a leadership role if possible.	☒ Begin to explore college possibilities. ☒ Review descriptions of different types of schools.	☒ Take the SAT-I, SAT Subject Tests, and/or ACT tests if necessary. ☒ Give your counselor the School Report forms (for private schools). ☒ Nov. 1-Nov. 30 is the application filing period for all UC campuses. ☒ Begin applying for scholarships (posted in Scholarships binder in counseling center. Also search online).
December	☒ Evaluate your personality, interests, and skills. Take an Interest Inventory in the Career Center or at home.	☒ PSAT score reports will be returned. ☒ Contact your counselor if you have any questions about your PSAT scores. ☒ Continue to develop effective reading habits.	☒ PSAT scores will be returned. ☒ Contact your counselor if you have any questions about your PSAT scores. ☒ Plan to visit colleges during your school vacations.	☒ Take the SAT-I, SAT Subject Tests, and/or ACT tests if necessary. ☒ Complete private school applications. ☒ Collect information necessary to complete the FAFSA between Jan. 1 and Mar. 2. ☒ Many private colleges require you to complete the College Scholarship Service PROFILE along with the FAFSA. ☒ Take the SAT-I, SAT Subject Tests, and/or ACT tests if necessary. ☒ Fill out a transcript request as directed by your colleges/universities.
January	☒ Research jobs and careers that interest you. Look into majors that lead to these careers and the colleges that have these majors.	☒ Review your transcript; track your completion of graduation and college entrance requirements. ☒ Do activities outside of school such as volunteer work and activities that build leadership responsibilities.	☒ Review your transcript; track your completion of graduation and college entrance requirements. ☒ Attend a financial aid workshop with your parents.	☒ FAFSA and PROFILE can be filed after January 1. Do it as early as possible. ☒ Submit Cal Grants as soon after January 1 as possible. ☒ Most financial aid applications due this month or February 1. ☒ Make sure you meet deadlines for local scholarship applications.
February	☒ Get involved in extracurricular and/or volunteer activities. ☒ Register for the most challenging courses you can handle.	☒ Continue to evaluate your goals. ☒ Check on summer opportunities – enrichment and other programs – in the Career Center. ☒ Make course selections for 11th grade. Challenge yourself. ☒ Register for AP courses.	☒ Continue to evaluate your goal. ☒ Register for the SAT-I/ ACT. Take the test (s) for the first time in the spring. ☒ Make a plan to prepare for the SAT-I/ ACT. ☒ Make course selections for 11th grade. Challenge yourself.	☒ Respond quickly to college requests for additional information. ☒ Submit FAFSA and GPA verification forms for Cal Grants (deadline is March 2). ☒ Apply to community college.
March	☒ Review and modify your 4 year plan.	☒ Review and modify your 4 year plan.	☒ If you want to participate in athletics in college, register with the NCAA Clearinghouse. See counselor to make sure you are on the right track. ☒ Register for AP exams.	☒ College acceptance and financial award letters start coming in. ☒ Apply to community college. ☒ Take community college placement exams. ☒ Register for AP Exams.
April		☒ When you travel, drop in and see the colleges in the area. Spring Break is a great time to do this. ☒ ATHLETES: review requirements for NCAA.	☒ Continue to investigate career goals. ☒ Identify majors you might be interested in and identify the campus characteristics you'd like in a college. ☒ Research schools that fit your preferred criteria.	☒ Review and analyze acceptance letters, make a decision, and send a tuition deposit (most colleges require a response by May 1). ☒ Carefully follow the directions in your acceptance letter. ☒ Apply to community colleges if you haven't already done so.

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May	☒ Sign up for Summer School to make up for any D/F grades.	☒ Take AP Exams. Take SAT Subject Tests on the subject(s). ☒ Sign up for Summer School to make up for any D/F grades. ☒ Finalize your summer plans. Consider making college visits over the summer.	☒ Take AP Exams. Take SAT Subject Tests on the subject(s). ☒ Apply for summer programs at community, public, and private colleges. ☒ Write to your Congressional Representatives for applications for military academies. ☒ Sign up for Summer School to make up for any D/F grades. ☒ Sign up for PUSD's COLLEGE BOOTCAMP FOR SENIORS summer course.	☒ Notify colleges of your plans. ☒ Take AP Exams. ☒ Accept any financial aid rewards. ☒ Send your final transcript to the college you will attend in the fall.
June	☒ Seriously consider doing volunteer work, taking a summer enrichment course, or finding a job for the summer.	☒ Find a summer job or take a summer enrichment course. ☒ Participate in volunteer activities. ☒ Keep up your reading over the summer.	☒ Combine vacations with campus visits. ☒ Take the ACT/ SAT-I or SAT Subject Test as needed. ☒ Start gathering all the essential elements you'll need to complete your college admission process. ☒ Explore college/post-graduate opportunities that fit your preferred criteria. Narrow down your list of colleges. Take a career interest inventory if you haven't already done so.	☒ GRADUATION! ☒ Return applications for on-campus orientation programs to the campus you will be attending.

Did You Know??

- ✓ Use the common application
- ✓ Testing
 - Take the SAT-I and/or ACT for the first time in the spring (March or May) so you have time to retake the tests again later. This is a MUST if applying Early Decision or Early Action.
 - The SAT-I and SAT Subject Tests are offered on the same days, so you will need to coordinate the dates you take the tests.
 - Finish testing by December to meet college admission requirements. If you are applying Early Decision or Early Action, you must complete testing by October.