

# PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

## 1. RESEARCH COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

Use Xello to explore careers, majors, colleges, and universities. Many college reps visit PHS each year, plus you can also attend regional college fairs.



## 2. GO ON A COLLEGE VISIT

Narrow down your list of colleges to your top 3-5 and schedule campus visits through the schools' Admissions Offices.



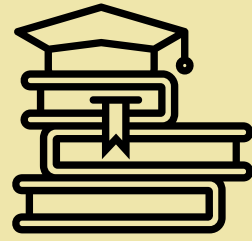
## 3. TAKE THE ACT OR SAT

Decide which test is right for you, and register on the test's website. Make sure to have your scores sent to your top schools & talk to your counselor if you need a fee waiver.



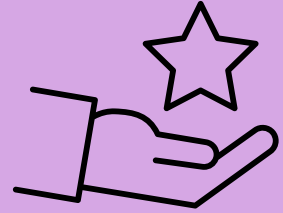
## 4. FILL OUT COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Applications are completed online directly through the schools' websites. Be aware of early action and early decision deadlines! Use the Common App to streamline this process.



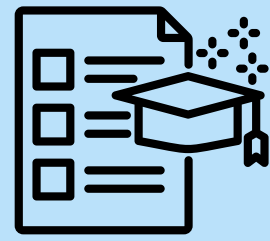
## 5. GET LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Give advance notice (usually 2 weeks) to your counselor or teacher when requesting they write a recommendation letter. Provide a brag sheet or resume to them when you ask for the letter.



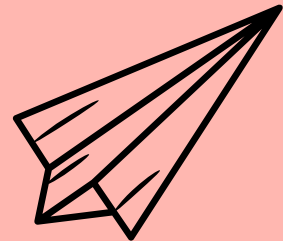
## 6. FILL OUT SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTS

Some colleges & universities have additional documents that are required with your application. See your counselor for help or with questions.



## 7. SEND YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

Official transcripts need to be requested through Xello. See your counselor for unofficial transcript requests.



## 8. APPLY FOR SCHOLARSHIPS & FINANCIAL AID

There are many resources available to help pay for college including scholarships, financial aid, FAFSA, and A+. Ask your counselor for details.

