

Junior Overview Calendar 2023-2024

September-October

- Sign up for college presentations this fall to learn about campuses from admission representatives. Students can sign up for visits from colleges in Naviance, under colleges tab.
- Attend **Junior/Senior College Info Night, September 14**, time - TBD
- Attend MDUSD College Fair, date/time TBD
- PSAT will be offered in October, dates TBD. Registration details to follow in September.
- Attend Career Education Fair on October 18. More information to follow this fall.
- Sign up for **Class of 2025 Remind** for updates on college & career center news: **@2025foru**
- Concentrate on your first-semester courses. Grades in all your courses count!
- Join a club on campus or a community service group to build your volunteer experience. Watch for Fall Club Rush!

November-December

- Research careers and the training you will need to enter the job. Log into Naviance and complete **Strengths Explorer** to find out about your emerging talents, if you have not done so. Complete the **Career Cluster Finder** to research career areas. Finish completing the **Career Interest Profiler** to find out which careers are a good fit for you, based on your answers. Take some time to investigate careers to help you think about majors or training you will need.
- Visit colleges during winter break...step on campus and take a tour! (Or plan a virtual visit!)

January-March

- Start generating your future college list based on majors in which you are interested. Use **SuperMatch** in Naviance as a college search tool.
- Register for SAT or ACT in spring if you are applying to a college that requests the exam for admission. **Note: UCs and CSUs are test free and do not require SAT/ACT scores for admission. Check the college website for policies on private or out of state institutions.**
- Make sure you are on track with your A-G requirements as you complete course cards for your senior year. Remember, colleges look at course rigor, so challenge yourself and do well in your classes! Colleges require a grade "C" or higher in your courses!
- **College Information Night for Junior Families, March 14** Time TBD. Your chance to learn more about the college admission process before you are a senior.

April-June

- Study for AP exams- Testing is during the first two weeks of May.
- Sign up and take the SAT or ACT in the spring/summer so you can concentrate on college applications in the fall. ***See note above on testing requirements**
- Visit colleges during spring break, or visit virtually if in-person visits are not available.
- Your college application will include spring grades of your junior year, so make them count!
- Finalize your college list or post high school plan.
- Complete the **CHS Personal Data** form in Naviance, under "About Me" tab. This will be used by teachers/counselors when they write letters of recommendation for you.

Questions? Contact me at bergums@mdusd.org, or make an appointment on the College & Career webpage.

What are A-G's and why are they so important?

Doing well in your classes gives you an advantage when it's time to apply to college in your senior year. The more A's and B's that you earn, the more options you will have in considering colleges to apply to. Doing well in your classes also prepares you for any career training after high school. It's not just a grade that you earn, it's your understanding of the subject you are taking that will help you in the next level class! Check out the A-G requirements to be college and career ready:

Category	Subject	Course Options offered at CHS
A	History 2 years required	World History, AP World History US History, AP World History *Government, Government Honors (grade 12)
B	English 4 years required	English I, II, III, IV English II Pre-Honors AP English Language (grade 11) AP English Literature (grade 12) Public Speaking (elective) Creative Writing (elective)
C	Mathematics 3 years required 4 years recommended	Algebra I Geometry Algebra II, Algebra II/Trigonometry Pre-Calculus, AP Pre-Calculus AP Calculus Statistics, AP Statistics
D	Science w/Lab 2 years required (1 year life science + 1 year physical science) 3 years recommended	Living Earth Chemistry, Chemistry Honors Physics, Physics Honors Physiology, Physiology Honors AP Biology Biotechnology Zoology Engineering Essentials (3 rd year only)
E	World Language 2 years required	Spanish I, II, III, Spanish for Spanish Speakers I, II Spanish Honors AP Spanish and Culture American Sign Language I, II, III
F	Visual or Performing Arts 1 year required	Choose courses from Art, Photo Arts, Ceramics, Drama, Vocal or Instrumental music
G	Elective 1 year required	*Economics - semester course, AP Econ (grade 12) AVID, Intro to Film, Intro Engineering, ASB Leadership, Personal Finance, Psychology, AP Psychology, Transportation Technology, Construction Technology, Yearbook, Honors Yearbook, or any other category course that exceeds the requirements.

*One semester of Economics and one semester of Government are required for grade 12.

District Graduation requirements include 2 years of physical education, starting with 9th grade PE. Find more information on graduation requirements vs college requirements under the Academics tab on the CHS website.