

COLLEGE COUNSELING TIMELINE

	9TH GRADE	10TH GRADE	11TH GRADE	12TH GRADE
FALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Create an outline of challenging yet manageable courses for the next four years ▶ Sign up for extracurricular activities that interest you and plan to maintain commitment to one or two of them for the next four years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Continue to sign up for and participate in extracurricular activities ▶ Get a sneak peak of the admissions process in the UPrep College Counseling Handbook on our website, https://uprep.us/college (scroll down) ▶ Take the practice Pre-ACT at UPrep; all sophomores are automatically registered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Continue participation in extracurricular activities ▶ Meet with visiting college representatives ▶ Take the PSAT exam—all students at UPrep are registered automatically ▶ Attend Junior/Parent/Guardian College Information Night ▶ Attend the National College Fair and Performing and Visual Arts Fair in Seattle ▶ Register for May AP Exams (if applicable) ▶ Attend the optional PSAT test-prep class offered at UPrep 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Meet with college representatives ▶ Attend Senior/Parent/Guardian College Information Night ▶ Confirm that the two teachers who you asked for recommendations are writing the letters ▶ Share college essays with college counselor; continue working on college essays and supplements ▶ If applicable, complete financial aid forms: FAFSA and CSS Profile ▶ If applying Early Decision (ED), the signed ED Statement of Intent is due to the College Counseling Office ▶ Take the SAT and/or ACT at a national testing location or during UPrep school testing days ▶ Register for AP Exams (if applicable) ▶ Attend the College Application Workshops throughout the fall
WINTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Start applying for summer enrichment programs, volunteer work, and/or jobs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Start applying for summer enrichment programs, volunteer work, and/or jobs; visit https://biy.ly/3Mjgq2h 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Start applying for summer enrichment programs and/or jobs ▶ Start thinking about the college application process ▶ Meet with counselor to review academic and non-academic achievements and discuss financial aid ▶ Register for the SAT and ACT at UPrep school testing days or at a national testing site ▶ Attend Junior/Parent/Guardian College Information Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Continue to work hard in school ▶ Remain committed to extracurricular activities—all of senior year counts ▶ You can still research and apply for private scholarships ▶ Early Decision and Early Action notification
SPRING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Work hard in your classes; maintain good grades ▶ Read: it increases your vocabulary ▶ Remain active in clubs and activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Work hard in your classes; maintain good grades ▶ Read: it increases your vocabulary ▶ Remain active in clubs and activities ▶ If you are interested in applying to one of the service academies, contact your local congressperson or senator to get information about the application process ▶ Take the practice ACT exam—all students at UPrep are registered automatically 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Visit colleges ▶ Take spring standardized tests: SAT, ACT, and Advanced Placement (AP; if applicable)—we strongly recommend waiting until the second semester of junior year to take these tests ▶ Plan to participate in a meaningful summer experience; many colleges will ask, "What did you do last summer?" during senior year ▶ Ask two teachers for letters of recommendations: one from the sciences or math and one from the social sciences or humanities; ask them in person ▶ Schedule parent/guardian meeting with college counselor ▶ If you are interested in playing sports in college at the DI or DII level, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Attend Senior/Parent/Guardian College Transition Night ▶ Regular Decision notification ▶ Thank those who wrote letters of recommendation on your behalf ▶ Visit colleges and spend the night, if possible ▶ Pick your college: the National Candidate Reply Date is May 1 ▶ Take AP exams (if applicable) ▶ If you have been waitlisted at a school, notify the admissions office that you would like to remain active on the waiting list if you still want to be considered for admission ▶ Graduation
SUMMER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ If you're on vacation and there is a college or university nearby or an older sibling is looking at schools, stop by for an informal visit to get a sense of what a college looks like 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ If you're on vacation and there is a college or university nearby or an older sibling is looking at schools, stop by for an informal visit to get a sense of what a college looks like ▶ Attend the summer Junior Jumpstart program in August 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Begin working on college essays and Common Application ▶ Visit colleges formally ▶ Take UPrep's free college essay writing summer class ▶ Participate in a meaningful summer experience ▶ Fill out the Senior Inventory in Scoir ▶ Attend the College Application and Essay Writing Workshop in August 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Shop and pack for college ▶ Remember to take time to spend with your family and friends in a relaxed manner, without talking about college

HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS



UPREP'S WEB-BASED COLLEGE COUNSELING RESOURCES

College Counseling Website, <https://uprep.us/college>

Seattle-Area Summer Opportunities, <https://bit.ly/3Mjqg2h>

Frequently Asked Questions, <https://bit.ly/39tbpFO>

Scoir, www.scoir.com: UPrep's online college counseling tool

College Kickstart, www.collegekickstart.com: Generate a balanced college list here

COLLEGE SEARCH WEBSITES

YouVisit, www.youvisit.com: Online tours of colleges and universities

Common App, www.commonapp.org: A common application form used by more than 900 different colleges

UW Admissions, <https://admit.washington.edu>: Admissions information for the University of Washington

United Fund, <https://uncf.org/member-colleges>: Link to historically Black colleges and universities

UCOP, <https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu>: Admission information about the University of California campuses

CSU Mentor, <https://www2.calstate.edu>: Admission information for the California State University system

Colleges That Change Lives, <https://ctcl.org>: A nonprofit organization dedicated to the advancement and support of a student-centered college search process

Day Tripper University, <https://daytripperuniversity.com>: Your guide to college tours

STANDARDIZED TESTING WEBSITES

College Board, www.collegeboard.org: Provides information about the PSAT, SAT, and AP tests

ACT, www.act.org: Provides information about the ACT test

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

FAFSA, <https://studentaid.gov>: This form is required by colleges for all students applying for financial aid

CSS, <https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org>: The CSS Profile is the form many private colleges and universities require

Finaid, <https://finaid.org>: A comprehensive website for the financial aid novice

Student Aid, <https://studentaid.gov>: U.S. Department of Education resources on financial aid

Fastweb, www.fastweb.com: A database of more than 180,000 scholarships

NASFAA, www.nasfaa.org: Great website to help you learn financial terms

The WashBoard, <https://washboard.wsac.wa.gov>: College scholarship database for Washington students

