

Junior Overview Calendar 2024-2025

September-October

- Sign up for college presentations this fall to learn about campuses from admission representatives. Check visit schedule in weekly announcements.
- Attend **College/Career Info Night for Families on September 12 at 6:30 pm**
- Attend **MDUSD College Fair, Thursday, October 24**. Time TBD
- **PSAT** will be offered in October, dates TBD. Registration details to follow in September.
- Attend CHS **Career Education Fair on October 16**. More information to follow this fall.
- Sign up for **Class of 2026 Remind** for updates on college & career center news: **@2026foru**
- 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.

November-December

- Research careers training you will need to enter the job. Log into CaliforniaColleges.edu to explore using the career search tool. Finish completing the **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. We will register your account in class!
- 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 the college search tool and the major search tool in CaliforniaColleges.edu platform under Colleges tab.
- 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! Check your academic planner in CaliforniaColleges.edu to stay on track!
- **Attend College Information Night for Junior Families in March**, Time TBD. Your chance to learn more about the college admission process before you are a senior. More info to follow.

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.

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 AP English Language (grade 11) AP English Literature (grade 12)
C	Mathematics 3 years required 4 years recommended	Algebra I Geometry Financial Algebra 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 Film, Intro Engineering, ASB Leadership, Link Crew, Psychology, AP Psychology, Transportation Technology, Woodworking Technology, Yearbook, Honors Yearbook, Creative Writing, Public Speaking, or any other g 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.