

COLLEGE PREPARATION CALENDAR

	FRESHMEN	SOPHOMORES	JUNIORS	SENIORS
SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Develop a plan for your courses throughout high school. *Complete ECAP (Education Career Action Plan). *Meet your counselor. *Get involved in your choice of clubs and sports. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Review your high school course plans. *Get more involved with your extracurricular activities. *Ask your counselor about taking the PSAT. *Join school clubs, try out for sports if you haven't done so already. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Review your high school course plan to ensure you are on track. *Keep in mind that colleges look for the following: challenging coursework, GPA, involvement in extracurricular activities and volunteer work. *Register for PSAT (pay at the bookstore). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Finalize your list of colleges and start applying. *Request that your ACT/SAT scores and official transcripts are sent to colleges. *Begin collecting letters of recommendation. *Apply for scholarships, view the MdN Scholarship Website. *Update your Education Career Action Plan.
OCTOBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Begin developing good study habits you can stick with throughout high school. *Develop organizational habits. Use the student planner the school provides. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Discuss your college and career options with your guidance counselor. *Check for College Fairs in your area. *Take the PSAT in mid-October. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Check for College Fairs in your area. *Start to compile a list of colleges you are interested in. *Take the PSAT in mid-October. *Sign up to meet with college representatives visiting your school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Keep working on college and scholarship applications. *Attend TUHSD In-State College Night Program. *If you want to take the ACT/SAT again sign up now.
NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Develop a list of academic interests and possible careers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Continue to work hard in your courses. *Update your ECAP (Education Career Action Plan). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Initiate contact with colleges to request more information and to find out about campus preview days. *Talk to your counselor about scholarship opportunities. *Update your ECAP (Education Career Action Plan). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Start filling out housing applications and keep deadlines in mind. *Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to secure a pin number. Everyone going on to post secondary education should file a FAFSA.
DECEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Talk to your guidance counselor about graduation requirements for your school and college entrance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Start looking at potential colleges at www.collegeview.com *Discuss your PSAT scores with your counselor, and figure out how to improve your score if needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Plan to visit colleges during school vacations. *Discuss your PSAT scores with your counselor, and figure out how to improve your score if needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Complete all your college applications. *Obtain letters of recommendation from teachers and your counselor. *Stay in contact with your admission counselors at various colleges ensuring they have received all necessary application materials.
JANUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Take time to think about your postsecondary options. What is your career choice? Will it require attending college? If so, what colleges offer that program? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Determine some goals you would like to achieve during and after high school. *Re-evaluate your high school plan to make sure you are on track for graduation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Begin to discuss a financial plan for college with your family. *Review your course selections to be sure you are meeting college requirements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Attend financial aid meetings in your local area. *Start filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to submit in mid-February.
FEBRUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Start developing good reading habits to prepare for standardized tests. *Colleges want to see passion and commitment. Start doing volunteer work and building your resume. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Start researching and applying for summer enrichment programs on the MdN Guidance Website. *Talk to your guidance counselor about AP exams that are offered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Register for the ACT at www.act.org and/or the SAT at www.collegeboard.com *Talk to your guidance counselor about AP exams that are offered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Finish all federal financial aid forms and apply for state aid. *Don't give in to "senioritis" *Do you want to live on campus? Complete the on campus housing application. *Attend College Goal Sunday and receive help with the FAFSA.
MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Stay focused on being organized and getting the best grades you can. If you need help, talk to your teachers and counselors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Update your resume, see your counselor, an English teacher or a Business teacher for suggestions. *As you do volunteer work, keep a record of the hours you have worked & the name of the organization. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Narrow your college options by considering location and programs. *Inquire about scholarships at the college you are considering. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail. Your SAR contains federal financial aid information. *Find out when you can sign up for Freshman Orientation.
APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Take time to research careers and to learn more about yourself so you can select a career that is right for you. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Begin to research websites that offer sample ACT & SAT tests. *Learn new vocabulary words. Vocabulary skills come in handy on college entrance exams. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Plan college visits during your summer vacation. *If you plan to participate in collegiate athletics, register for the NCAA Clearinghouse at www.ncaa.org 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Consider revisiting colleges that you are deciding between. *Continue to look for sources of financial aid. *Review your high school course plan to ensure you are on track to graduate on time.
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Start looking for summer volunteer opportunities. *Read at least two books in the summer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Find a summer job to start saving for college. *Start looking for summer volunteer opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Take the SAT and/or the ACT exams. *Obtain a summer job that might be related to your career interests & volunteer. *Start working on your college and scholarship essays. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Notify the college you choose to attend by accepting your financial aid package and sending necessary deposits. *Send an official high school transcript to your college.
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Complete summer assignments for next semester's classes. Attend schedule & book distribution in July. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Complete summer assignments for next semester's classes. Attend schedule & book distribution in July. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Complete summer assignments for next semester's classes. Attend schedule & book distribution in July. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Register for classes and freshman orientation. *GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR FUTURE!