

# COLLEGE COUNSELING TIMELINE

	9TH GRADE	10TH GRADE	11TH GRADE	12TH GRADE
FALL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Create an outline of challenging yet manageable courses for the next four years</li> <li>▶ Sign up for extracurricular activities that interest you and plan to maintain commitment to one or two of them for the next four years</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Continue to sign up for and participate in extracurricular activities</li> <li>▶ Get a sneak peak of the admissions process in the UPrep College Counseling Handbook on our website, <a href="http://uprep.us/college">uprep.us/college</a> (scroll down)</li> <li>▶ Take the practice PSAT online exam—all students at UPrep are registered automatically</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Continue participation in extracurricular activities</li> <li>▶ Meet with visiting college representatives</li> <li>▶ Take the PSAT exam—all students at UPrep are registered automatically</li> <li>▶ Attend the Seattle National College Fair</li> <li>▶ Register for May AP Exams (if applicable)</li> <li>▶ Attend the optional PSAT test-prep class offered at UPrep</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Meet with college representatives</li> <li>▶ Attend Senior/Parent/Guardian College Information Night</li> <li>▶ Confirm that the two teachers who you asked for recommendations are writing the letters</li> <li>▶ Share college essays with college counselor; continue working on college essays and supplements</li> <li>▶ If applicable, complete financial aid forms: FAFSA and CSS Profile</li> <li>▶ If applying Early Decision (ED), the signed ED Statement of Intent is completed by student, parent, and college counselor in SCOIR</li> <li>▶ Take the SAT and/or ACT at a national testing location or during UPrep school testing days</li> <li>▶ Register for AP Exams (if applicable)</li> <li>▶ Attend the College Application Workshops throughout the fall</li> </ul>
WINTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Start applying for summer enrichment programs, volunteer work, and/or jobs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Start applying for summer enrichment programs, volunteer work, and/or jobs; visit <a href="http://bit.ly/3Mjgq2h">bit.ly/3Mjgq2h</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Start applying for summer enrichment programs and/or jobs</li> <li>▶ Start thinking about the college application process</li> <li>▶ Meet with counselor to review academic and non-academic achievements and discuss financial aid</li> <li>▶ Register for the SAT and ACT at UPrep school testing days or at a national testing site</li> <li>▶ Attend Junior/Parent/Guardian College Information Night</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Continue to work hard in school</li> <li>▶ Remain committed to extracurricular activities—all of senior year counts</li> <li>▶ You can still research and apply for private scholarships</li> <li>▶ Early Decision and Early Action notification</li> </ul>
SPRING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Work hard in your classes; maintain good grades</li> <li>▶ Read: it increases your vocabulary</li> <li>▶ Remain active in clubs and activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Work hard in your classes; maintain good grades</li> <li>▶ Read: it increases your vocabulary</li> <li>▶ Remain active in clubs and activities</li> <li>▶ 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</li> <li>▶ Take the practice ACT exam—all students at UPrep are registered automatically</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Visit colleges</li> <li>▶ 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</li> <li>▶ Plan to participate in a meaningful summer experience; many colleges will ask, "What did you do last summer?" during senior year</li> <li>▶ 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</li> <li>▶ Schedule parent/guardian meeting with college counselor</li> <li>▶ If you are interested in playing sports in college at the DI or DII level, register with the NCAA Eligibility Center</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Attend Senior/Parent/Guardian College Transition Night</li> <li>▶ Regular Decision notifications begin in March</li> <li>▶ Thank those who wrote letters of recommendation on your behalf</li> <li>▶ Visit colleges and spend the night, if possible</li> <li>▶ Pick your college: the National Candidate Reply Date is May 1</li> <li>▶ Take AP exams (if applicable)</li> <li>▶ 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</li> <li>▶ Graduation</li> </ul>
SUMMER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 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</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ 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</li> <li>▶ Attend the summer Junior Jumpstart program in August</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Begin working on college essays and Common Application</li> <li>▶ Visit colleges formally</li> <li>▶ Attend UPrep's free Essay Writing and College Application Workshop in June or August</li> <li>▶ Participate in a meaningful summer experience</li> <li>▶ Fill out the Senior Inventory in Scoir</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Shop and pack for college</li> <li>▶ Remember to take time to spend with your family and friends in a relaxed manner, without talking about college</li> </ul>

# HELPFUL WEBSITES FOR THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS



## UPREP'S WEB-BASED COLLEGE COUNSELING RESOURCES

College Counseling Website, [uprep.us/college](https://uprep.us/college)

Seattle-Area Summer Opportunities, [bit.ly/3Mjgg2h](https://bit.ly/3Mjgg2h)

Frequently Asked Questions, [bit.ly/39tbpFO](https://bit.ly/39tbpFO)

Scoir, [scoir.com](https://scoir.com): UPrep's online college counseling tool

College Kickstart, [collegekickstart.com](https://collegekickstart.com): Generate a balanced college list here

## COLLEGE SEARCH WEBSITES

YouVisit, [youvisit.com](https://youvisit.com): Online tours of colleges and universities

Common App, [commonapp.org](https://commonapp.org): A common application form used by more than 900 different colleges

UW Admissions, [admit.washington.edu](https://admit.washington.edu): Admissions information for the University of Washington

The Hundred-Seven, [thehundred-seven.org](https://thehundred-seven.org): Historically Black Colleges and Universities

UCOP, [admission.universityofcalifornia.edu](https://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu): Admission information about the University of California campuses

CSU Mentor, [calstate.edu](https://calstate.edu): Admission information for the California State University system

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

Day Tripper University, [daytripperuniversity.com](https://daytripperuniversity.com): Your guide to college tours

## STANDARDIZED TESTING WEBSITES

College Board, [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org): Provides information about the PSAT, SAT, and AP tests

ACT, [act.org](https://act.org): Provides information about the ACT test

## FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

FAFSA, [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov): This form is required by colleges for all students applying for financial aid

CSS, [cssprofile.collegeboard.org](https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org): The CSS Profile is the form many private colleges and universities require

Finaid, [finaid.org](https://finaid.org): A comprehensive website for the financial aid novice

Student Aid, [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov): U.S. Department of Education resources on financial aid

Fastweb, [fastweb.com](https://fastweb.com): A database of more than 180,000 scholarships

NASFAA, [nasfaa.org](https://nasfaa.org): Great website to help you learn financial terms

The WashBoard, [washboard.wsac.wa.gov](https://washboard.wsac.wa.gov): College scholarship database for Washington students

College Money Matters, [collegemoneymethod.com/university-prep/](https://collegemoneymethod.com/university-prep/) (the password is: upcmm):

Website with a series of programs to help students and families finance a college education

