

COLLEGE ROADMAP

Take a Campus Pit Stop

Sign up for in-person or virtual campus tours to get a feel for different colleges. Seeing them firsthand helps narrow your top picks.



Start Touring Your Dream Schools

Every great road trip needs exciting stops! Check out The Princeton Review's Best 390 Colleges or use the online search tool. Consider working with an admissions expert for extra navigation help.



Tackle the SAT or ACT

Once you know which test suits you best, shift into prep mode! Explore different test prep options to gear up for success.



Stay in the Race

Colleges will be looking at your grades this year, so keep your engine running strong. Online tutoring can help if you hit a rough patch.

FRESHMAN YEAR Hitting the Open Road

Map Out Your Route

Start high school on the right foot by challenging yourself academically and keeping your grades up. Need a pit stop? Get extra help with online, on-demand tutoring with Homework Help.

Explore Your Interests

Extracurriculars are like scenic detours—join clubs, sports, or volunteer groups to see what excites you. You can fine tune your route next year.

Level Up Academically

Thinking about Honors or AP® courses? Freshman year is the time to build the skills you'll need for these advanced lanes.



SOPHOMORE YEAR Picking up Speed

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Test Drive the PSAT®

The PSAT is like a practice lap—it helps you get familiar with standardized tests before the big race in junior year.

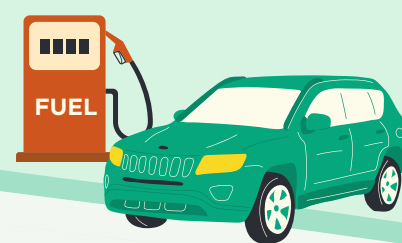


Expanding Your Impact

Take the wheel in leadership roles and steer toward activities that align with your intended major. Colleges love to see dedication—so lead, volunteer, or start a project to fuel your future!

Fuel Up with Scholarships

Now's the time to map out financial aid! Chat with your parents and school counselors about funding options and start scouting local and national scholarships.



Tell Your Story with a Standout Essay

Your college essay is your personal billboard—make sure it showcases who you are beyond grades and test scores. Get feedback from teachers and mentors.



Take the Express Lane with Early Decision

If you've found your dream school, applying Early Decision can fast-track your admissions journey and ease the stress of waiting.



Last Pit Stop for the SAT/ACT

If you still need to take the SAT or ACT, make sure you schedule it early enough to get your scores back before application deadlines.

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SENIOR YEAR The Final Stretch



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Fill Up on Financial Aid

Submit the FAFSA® as soon as possible to determine your financial aid package. Be mindful of priority deadlines to avoid roadblocks.

Send in Applications

The Common App makes it easy to apply to multiple schools at once. For rolling admissions schools, apply early while spots are still available.

Celebrate the Journey

You've reached your final stop—college! Submit your acceptance, pay any necessary deposits, and finalize student loan applications. Don't forget to thank your teachers and counselors for helping you along the way. **Congratulations! Your next adventure awaits!**



The Checkered Flag: Decision Time

Once acceptance letters roll in, compare financial aid packages before making your final choice. If your family's financial situation changes, notifying colleges could impact your aid.



Cruise to the Finish Line

Senioritis is real, but don't stall out now! Stay on top of grades, recommendation letters, and transcript submissions.



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