



11th Grade Timeline and Checklist

Fall

- Attend College Visits (College and Career Center)
- Take the PSAT in October. Juniors are eligible for the National Merit Scholarship, depending on scores.
- Begin thinking about the factors you need to consider in college selection(SuperMatch College Search- Naviance)
- Create a year long calendar for important dates college fairs, test dates, etc.
- Use Naviance to conduct online searches for colleges/postsecondary schools and save prospective schools to the “Colleges I’m Thinking About” list.
- Read the information about schools available on Naviance and visit individual school websites for even more details.
- Begin reviewing your financial position and need for financial aid with your family.

Winter

- Review course selection for senior year(during class presentations in January) Most four year colleges will expect you to have four years of math, science, and social studies and a minimum of two years of a foreign language.
- Review your PSAT scores and begin preparing for the SAT or ACT.
- Plan your spring testing schedule, keeping track of registration deadlines. Search College Board/ ACT online for more information on SAT & ACT Testing
- Research prospective colleges to determine what subject tests, if any, are required or recommended for admission.
- Research summer enrichment programs. Naviance has an extensive list.

Spring

- Students: Make follow up appointments with Mrs. Klaus/Counselor as needed to discuss where you are in the college process.
- Watch for and attend college fairs and workshops.
- Visit college campuses. Take tours/virtual tours and make appointment with admissions counselors where offered.
- Register and prepare for the Advanced Placement, SAT Reasoning, SAT Subject and ACT tests, if applicable.

- Decide which teachers you want to ask for recommendations. You will officially need to request during Senior year. Note:only for private/some out of state schools.

Summer

- Continue college visits. Set up campus tours and interviews.
- Refine your list of colleges to the 5-7 schools to which you will apply. Be sure to consider schools with varying degrees of competitiveness (include reach, realistic and safety schools).
- Decide if you need to retake any SAT Reasoning or Subject Tests or the ACT and register for fall testing dates.
- Begin filling out online applications and/or register on the common application website when applicable. (UC open August 1)
- If you have not already done so, use Naviance to complete Brag Sheet.
- Begin writing college application essays.
- Begin search for sources of financial aid via websites and books.
- Get a summer job or participate in a summer enrichment program.

Thanks,
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