



COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

FRESHMAN YEAR

- Make the most out of high school – get involved!
- Meet with your school counselor
- Plan a challenging course schedule
- Explore careers
- Learn college entrance requirements
- Research college costs
- Create a college savings plan

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Meet with your counselor again
- Continue to take challenging courses
- Update your career exploration
- Take the PSAT or PLAN (ACT)
- Gather information on colleges
- Compare colleges
- Continue with extracurricular activities/join an academic club is possible

JUNIOR YEAR

- Meet with your counselor again
- Continue to take challenging courses
- Take the PSAT/PLAN again
- Begin a high school portfolio
- Investigate scholarships
- Sign up for the SAT or ACT
- Volunteer



AUGUST – DECEMBER

SENIOR YEAR

- Sign up for SAT or ACT
- Begin college applications
- Check deadlines & apply for scholarships
- Attend college visits at your school
- Attend college fair
- Study, study, study.....

JANUARY – MAY

- Complete the FAFSA (start applications too)
- Send 1st semester transcripts
- Decide on college choice
- Track deadlines for registration fees & paperwork
- Continue to study

MORE RESOURCES

For more information and resources for college planning visit:

- [The College Board](#)
- [Petersons](#)
- [College Application Checklist](#)

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