



# College Planning Calendar

## Grade 11

### Fall

- Sign up and take the PSAT (Practice SAT)
- Visit with college representatives during the year.
- Begin to research colleges and write for information (catalogues, view books, etc.).
- Review PSAT results with your guidance counselor.

### Winter

- Make plans to take the SAT's or ACT's in the Spring. Watch the deadline dates for registration!! You may get information and registration booklets in the guidance office, or visit the websites at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com), [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- Work with your counselor. Use the resources in the Guidance Office, the public library, and the Internet.
- Select appropriate courses for senior year. Keep in mind that colleges look for academic courses (English, Foreign Language, College Prep Math, Science, Social Studies).

### Spring

- Continue to research and gather ideas. Attend college fairs.
- See your counselor NOW, if you are interested in the military academies
- Take SAT I and/or ACT
- Take SAT II if:
  - Required by your desired college
  - You are completing a course (United States History, Chemistry, etc)
  - You plan to apply for early action or early decision
- Make Plans to visit schools during the spring and summer.
- Arrange interviews as soon as possible to ensure an interview date.
- Begin to narrow down college choices.

## Grade 12

### September

- Decide which Achievement Tests (ACT, SAT I, SAT II) you'll take this fall and register for them.
- Discuss finances with your family to determine the financial considerations of attending college
- Assemble a final list of schools that interest you.
- Write to colleges NOW for admissions and financial aid applications.
- Call colleges for interview appointments, meet with college representatives. Interview time slots fill quickly. Call as soon as possible.

- ❑ If you are planning to apply for early action or early decision, see your guidance counselor NOW! Application deadlines, testing and other information must be discussed.
- ❑ Contact individuals who may write recommendations for you.

### **October**

- ❑ Finish writing to every school for a catalogue, an application, and financial aid information.
- ❑ Make an appointment with your counselor to discuss your progress.
- ❑ Check the guidance office bulletin board for financial aid/scholarships.
- ❑ Check the bulletin board in and outside guidance for college information.
- ❑ File CSS Profile if appropriate.

### **October/November/December**

- ❑ Mail completed college application forms. ALWAYS KEEP A COPY OF ALL MATERIALS YOU SEND. **ALL applications need two (2) week lead time in the Guidance Office.** Please hand in *complete* applications.

### **January**

- ❑ File Financial Aid Forms
  - \* FAFSA – All students should file
  - \* File Specific college Financial Aid Form

### **March**

- ❑ Keep track of correspondence with financial aid departments
- ❑ Combat “senoritis” by getting involved with new activities

### **April/May/June**

- ❑ Keep track of acceptances, denials, and financial aid awards.
- ❑ Reply promptly to colleges that offer admission (you do have the right to delay reply until May 1).
- ❑ If you know you will not attend a school that offers you admission, write a thank you letter informing them you will not be enrolling so they may give your spot to another deserving student.