

Recommended Timeline to Get Ready for College

| Freshman Year | Sophomore Year | Junior Year | Senior Year |
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| Take challenging courses. | Continue taking challenging courses. Consider honors and AP courses. | Take the PSAT in October if you are interested in qualifying for National Merit scholarships or the Governor's Honors Program. | Grades are still important! Stay on top of your work! |
| Stay organized. Keep up with assignments. Keep up grades. | Keep up with your work and your grades! | Prep for SAT/ACT. | Attend college information night and local college fairs. Research options suitable for you. |
| Choose a few extracurriculars. | Take the PSAT offered during school hours. | Take the mock SAT or ACT test offered through the Academic Booster Club. | Take final SAT or ACT test. |
| Create your profile in Naviance. | Pursue service and leadership opportunities through clubs and organizations. | Take official SAT or ACT tests in the fall or early winter. | Work on college applications and essays. |
| Improve your vocabulary by reading! | Take a mock SAT or ACT test to get comfortable with format and to identify areas for improvement. | Keep up with homework and get good grades! | Ask for recommendations. |
| | Sit for SAT Subject Tests at the end of the semester. | Start looking at financial aid. | Request transcripts. |
| | Take AP exams for any AP classes taken. | Think about and begin visiting colleges or talking with college representatives that visit the school. | Apply for early decision acceptance, if applicable. |
| | Start preparing for the SAT or ACT the summer before junior year. | Take AP tests in May and SAT Subject tests in May or June. | Fill out FASFA, the student financial aid application. |
| | | Look for summer internships or work experiences that will enhance your college application. | Turn everything in by the deadlines! |
| | | Work on college essays in summer. | Celebrate acceptances and plan for graduation! |