

TIMETABLE FOR COLLEGE PLANNING

FRESHMEN

- Enjoy school! You are developing as a student and a person.
- Develop a four-year plan for high school classes.
- Do your best in all class work; establish and maintain strong study habits and time management skills.
- Participate in career planning opportunities. Attend Freshmen Night!
- Develop a reading plan that includes newspapers, magazines and books. By reading many different styles, you will develop the best preparation for the SAT verbal section.
- Use your school's library and computer lab. Visit the College/Career Center
- Pursue extracurricular activities. Join or start a club.
- Evaluate your college-financing plan.
- In the spring, review your curriculum plan. Ensure that your scheduling requests for sophomore year meet your career/education goals.

SOPHOMORES

- Attend annual fall college fairs and visits. Start to explore continuing education.
- Register for and take the PLAN test to practice for the ACT test (and for testing practice in general).
- Take challenging college/career preparatory classes to establish a rigorous four-year academic plan.
- Do your best in all class work; establish and maintain strong study habits and time management skills.
- Think about your interests and how they relate to career options.
- Take the SKILLS exercise (an assessment tool) in the College/Career Center with your social studies class.
- Target major activities. Aim for leadership positions, if appropriate. Keep a record of awards and events.
- Have a Sophomore Interview in the College/Career Center or with a Counselor.
- Plan your junior year carefully.
- Take the Practice SAT. Ask your College/Career Center for details.
- Take AP and/or SAT II tests as soon as you can after you take the relevant classes (such as Biology).
- Begin visiting colleges and gathering information.
- In early spring, plan interesting summer work, community service, travel and educational programs.

JUNIORS

- Actively investigate career options and educational requirements.
- Attend annual College Fairs in Eugene and Portland, and College/Career Center visits by Admissions Officers in the fall.
- Take challenging college/career preparatory classes to establish a rigorous four-year academic plan.
- Continue a limited number of extracurricular or community service programs in which you might assume leadership roles.
- Prepare for and take the PSAT/NMSQT in the fall.
- Attend your school's informational sessions about testing and Beyond High School.
- Schedule your Junior Interview with your counselor; plan your senior year very carefully.
- Investigate college costs, options for financial aid, scholarships. Use College/Career Center resources.
- Write or e-mail for college catalogues, view books, financial aid information, or check them out in the College/Career Center.
- Narrow your college list using your preferences for program of study, career, size location, etc. Do a College/Career Center School Sort.
- Continue college visits.
- Take appropriate Tests: SAT I & II, ACT, AP, and IB in the spring.
- Make plans for scheduling two teacher recommendations.
- Plan meaningful summer activities.

SENIORS

- Pick up and READ college and planning information from the Career Center Planning Guide.
- Take standardized tests not taken earlier, or retake, if necessary: SAT I & II, ACT, AP, IB.
- Continue to take challenging college/career preparatory classes to complete your rigorous four-year academic plan.
- Attend College/Career Clinics and Financial Aid Night, if offered at your school.
- Gather tax information for student and parents.
- Mail the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) forms in January. Check if your schools require the PROFILE. Male students must register for the draft to complete the FAFSA.
- Complete applications and essays before deadlines; ask for letters of recommendation and transcripts.
- Continue checking College/Career Center bulletin boards for Scholarship and financial aid updates.
- Make college decisions before May 1; notify all schools that accepted you. Send deposits before the deadlines.
- Arrange for final semester official TRANSCRIPTS to be sent to the college you plan to attend.