



# COLLEGE PREP TIMELINE



## Overview

### FRESHMAN YEAR

- Explore careers that interest you.
- Start learning about colleges and entrance requirements.
- Register for a professional sounding email address.
- Join at least 1 club or team.
- Visit at least 1 college campus.

### JUNIOR YEAR

- Register and study for the ACT in the fall.
- Start narrowing your list of colleges.
- Meet with at least two college reps who visit your school.
- Stay involved in challenging courses to meet graduation & college requirements.
- Get familiar with the financial aid process.
- Look into scholarship & grant opportunities.
- Plan your senior year courses.
- Schedule college visits.

### SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Consider signing up for the fall ACT
- Take at least one AP course this year
- Look into possibility of dual enrollment courses for next year
- Join at least 1 club or team
- Attend a college fair or meet with college reps that visit your school
- Visit at least 2 college campuses
- Review your transcript to determine if you are on track.
- Write a resume
- Research different types of scholarships that are available.

### SENIOR YEAR

- Check all deadlines: applications, scholarships, etc.
- Request letters of recommendations from at least two teachers.
- Complete your college essay(s).
- Talk with your counselor about local area scholarships & grants.
- Retake ACT if needed.
- Fill out & submit college applications.
- Fill out FAFSA paperwork.
- Keep studying! Final grades are important.