

Four-Year Timeline

Freshman Year: Plan for the Future

- Register for courses in academic areas (English, math, science, etc.).
- Do well academically! Every year counts and this year sets the tone.
- Explore extracurricular activities such as clubs, sports, community service.
- Meet with your counselor to talk about options after high school.
- Do well on your CSAP tests!
- Keep a record/resume of everything you do (classes, clubs, sports, etc.).

PLAN

Sophomore Year: Begin to Broaden Your Experiences

- Keep up the good grades and ask for help if you are struggling.
- Stay involved and deepen your involvement with extracurricular activities.
- Meet with your counselor to stay on track of your grades and classes
- Register and take practice college entry exams (PLAN and PSAT).
- Do well on your CSAP tests!
- Identify your interest, hobbies and career goals.
- Visit a local college.
- Update your resume.

EXPLORE

Junior Year: Test & Inquire

- Study hard and get good grades!
- Take on leadership roles in extracurricular activities and community service.
- Create a tentative list of colleges you are interested in attending.
- Attend college fairs and workshops.
- Take ACT/SAT. Remember that you can take these more than once.
- Build relationships with your teachers, coaches, counselors and administrator. You will need letters of recommendation from them.
- Visit college campuses and take campus tours during the summer.
- Consider a summer job, internships, or a volunteer opportunity.
- Update your resume.

TEST

Senior Year: Apply, Visit & Confirm

- Study hard and get good grades! Colleges will see this year, too.
- Continue involvement in extracurricular activities and community service.
- Take/retake ACT/SAT if you would like to improve your score.
- Narrow down your list of schools. Be sure to include at least one safety, one target and one reach school).
- Send for admissions applications or download the necessary forms online, apply for admission and establish relationships with admissions counselors at the schools to which you apply. During the application process:
 - Prepare a personal essay.
 - Contact teachers/counselors about writing letters of recommendation.
 - Fill out FASFA form (January).
 - Apply for scholarships (each has its own deadline).
 - Consider admission offers and confirm your intent to enroll.
 - Take Advance Placements Test.
 - Request that a final transcript be mailed to your college of choice.

APPLY

