COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

FRESHMAN YEAR
☐ Make the most out of high school – get involved!
☐ Meet with your school counselor
☐ Plan a challenging course schedule
☐ Explore careers
☐ Learn college entrance requirements
☐ Research college costs
☐ Create a college savings plan

SOPHOMORE YEAR
☐ Meet with your counselor again
☐ Continue to take challenging courses
☐ Update your career exploration
☐ Take the PSAT or PLAN (ACT)
☐ Gather information on colleges
☐ Compare colleges
☐ Continue with extracurricular activities/join an academic club is possible

JUNIOR YEAR
☐ Meet with your counselor again
☐ Continue to take challenging courses
☐ Take the PSAT/PLAN again
☐ Begin a high school portfolio
☐ Investigate scholarships
☐ Sign up for the SAT or ACT
☐ Volunteer
AUGUST – DECEMBER
SENIOR YEAR
☐ Sign up for SAT or ACT
☐ Begin college applications
☐ Check deadlines & apply for scholarships
☐ Attend college visits at your school
☐ Attend college fair
☐ Study, study, study……

JANUARY – MAY
☐ Complete the FAFSA (stat applications too)
☐ Send 1st semester transcripts
☐ Decide on college choice
☐ Track deadlines for registration fees & paperwork
☐ Continue to study

MORE RESOURCES
For more information and resources for college planning visit:

- [The College Board](#)
- [Petersons](#)
- [College Application Checklist](#)

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