



FRESHMAN YEAR

Start off right. Remember that your grades will be used to calculate your GPA.

Develop a plan to make sure you are on the correct path for College.

Start talking to your parents and counselors about your intentions to attend college.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Take the PLAN test, if offered, at your school. The PLAN is a practice test for the ACT.

Visit campuses to get a feel for what different campuses feel like.

Start to think about what you want in a college (size, location, cost, etc.).

JUNIOR YEAR

Begin to seriously start considering your college future by doing the following:

- Meet with admissions representatives

- Attend college fairs

- Visit college web-sites to learn about different colleges

- Search online for colleges that meet your needs and has your possible major

- Talk to your parents about the cost of college

Research fields of study that are related to your interests and abilities.

Look to see what scholarships are available.

Take the ACT.

Be sure to meet with your counselor to discuss your senior schedule. Make sure that your senior courses meet your high school's graduation requirements and that you are taking the courses you need for college.

Begin to schedule visits in the Spring and Summer to college. Start narrowing down your choices before your senior year to help you decide where you will want to apply.

SENIOR YEAR

FALL

Revisit the colleges you are seriously considering.

Retake the ACT if necessary.

Begin to fill out your applications but be aware of deadlines.

Meet with your counselor to discuss your possible majors, financial aid, scholarships, etc. Also go over your high school record and find out your GPA and class rank.

WINTER

Finish filling out and sending in applications.

If you are applying for financial aid, encourage your parents to get their tax information ready. Submit your FAFSA as soon after January 1st as possible.

SPRING

Consider your college options and compare financial aid packages.

Decide where you want to go to college.

Return award letters and notify other colleges of your decision.

Tell your counselor where to send your final transcript.