



College Planning Timeline

The College Planning Timeline is provided to *Collegiate* students and families as recommended milestones to keep scholars informed and actively pursuing *Collegiate's* mission towards college success.

Freshman Year:

- Take the ASPIRE (practice ACT) test administered at *Collegiate*.
- Discuss ASPIRE scores, grades, and courses for sophomore year with teachers, college advisor, registrar, and family.
- Get involved in activities at school and in the community.
- Start a record of activities and awards/honors.
- Focus on good grades and a strong GPA.

Sophomore Year:

- Begin discussing academic and career goals with teachers and family.
- Take the ASPIRE (practice ACT) and PSAT (practice SAT) tests administered at *Collegiate*.
- Discuss ASPIRE scores, grades, and courses for junior year with teachers, college advisor, registrar, and family.
- Attend local college fairs in the fall and spring.
- Speak with college representatives who visit *Collegiate*.
- Continue to be involved in activities at school and in the community.
- Update record of activities and awards/honors.
- Focus on good grades and a strong GPA.
- Research and participate in summer programs of interest such as sports camps, volunteer work, or artistic endeavors.

Junior Year:

- Take the College & Career Preparation course at *Collegiate* (one semester, required for all juniors).
 - ◆ Register for Naviance/Family Connection.
 - ◆ Gather information about colleges of interest.
 - ◆ Compile a list of prospective colleges, including a combination of “safety,” “match,” and “reach” schools.
 - ◆ Discuss college and career plans with your family and college advisor.
 - ◆ Investigate scholarships and other financial aid opportunities.
 - ◆ Begin talking to your family about the costs of college.
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT test administered at *Collegiate* in the fall.
- Take the ACT during the spring semester.
- Take AP and/or SAT Subject exams (if applicable).
- Discuss ACT scores, grades, and courses for senior year with teachers, college advisor, registrar, and family.
- Attend local college fairs in the fall and spring.
- Speak with college representatives who visit *Collegiate*.
- If possible, arrange visits to colleges.
- Continue to be involved in activities at school and in the community, and explore leadership opportunities.
- Update record of activities and awards/honors.
- Focus on good grades and a strong GPA.
- Research and participate in summer programs of interest such as sports camps, volunteer work, or artistic endeavors.

Senior Year:

- Take the Senior Seminar course at *Collegiate* (full year, required for all seniors).
 - ◆ Continue gathering information about colleges — college fairs, the Internet, meetings with college representatives, campus visits.
 - ◆ Narrow down your lists of colleges.
 - ◆ Discuss test scores and grades with college advisor and family as it pertains to college applications.
 - ◆ Begin applications for college admissions and scholarships.
 - ◆ Request transcripts and test scores for applications.
 - ◆ Craft admissions essays.
 - ◆ Request letters of recommendation (if needed).
 - ◆ File the CSS Profile (if applicable) and FAFSA.
 - ◆ Update Naviance/Family Connection.
- Take the ACT, SAT, and SAT Subject Tests (if needed).
- Take AP and/or SAT Subject exams (if applicable).
- Attend local college fairs in the fall.
- Speak with college representatives who visit *Collegiate*.
- If possible, arrange visits to colleges.
- Continue to be involved in activities at school and in the community, and explore leadership opportunities.
- Update record of activities and awards/honors.
- Focus on good grades and a strong GPA.
- Discuss options from colleges with your college advisor and family.
- Pay college enrollment deposit and notify colleges of your decision in the spring.