



College Planning Timeline – Grade 9

From the beginning:

- Take challenging courses and do the best you can

Throughout the year:

- Scout out ways to get involved in school and community activities

When and where possible:

- Not too early to visit colleges (in person or virtually)

College Planning Timeline – Grade 10

Fall:

- College admission rep visits
- October PSAT

Winter:

- January PreACT

Spring:

- College Trips



College Planning Timeline – Grade 11

Fall:

- College admission rep visits
- October PSAT

Winter:

- Weekly College Counseling Class
- Student conferences with college counselor
- Research prospective college options
- Standardized testing options: Nov. SAT, Dec. SAT, Dec. ACT, Feb. ACT

Spring:

- Weekly College Counseling Class
- Spring Break campus visits
- Student/Parent conference
- Research prospective college options
- Standardized testing options: Mar. SAT, Apr. ACT, May SAT
- Set up Common Application account
- Draft college application essay
- Secure one teacher recommendation

Summer Before Senior Year:

- Research prospective list of colleges
- Campus visits
- Revise main essay / Draft supplemental essays
- Standardized testing options: June SAT, June ACT, July ACT, Aug. SAT
- Work on Common App



College Planning Timeline – Grade 12

September:

- Meet with College Counselor to assess progress, set action steps
- Narrow list of prospective colleges
- Secure second teacher recommendation
- Attend college rep visits for colleges where applying
- Standardized testing option: SAT

October:

- Application list final and entered into Cialfo (Thaden's online college counseling platform)
- File financial aid applications: [FAFSA](#) and possibly [CSS Profile](#)
- Standardized testing options: SAT, ACT

November:

- November 1 and 15 – Early Action and Early Decision deadlines
- Standardized testing option: SAT
- Mid-year transcript (Trimester 1 transcript) submitted to colleges

December:

- Standardized testing options: SAT, ACT

January:

- January 1 and 15 – Regular Decision application deadlines for many selective colleges

May 1:

- Date by which enrollment deposit is due to first choice school and other acceptances declined

June Post Senior Year:

- Final transcript submitted to college choice