

# HIGH SCHOOL

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## FRESHMAN YEAR

### STUDENTS

- Take challenging required classes to prepare you for college
- Start thinking about your career interests
- Develop 5-year plan
- Study hard and get excellent grades
- Become involved in school or community based activities
- Browse through college literature or surf the Web to get an idea of what kinds of schools may be of interest to you
- Start researching SAT/ACT requirements and practice material.
- Know NCAA requirements if you want to play sports in college
- Make a list of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities
- Register with College Board
- Consider whether AVID is a good fit
- Create a portfolio of your best work

### PARENTS

- Review 5 year plan
- Start researching SAT/ACT requirements and practice material
- Research college requirements and set up individual meetings with your child's school counselor regarding college information/resources
- Continue to save for your child's college education
- Visit college campuses



## SOPHOMORE YEAR

### STUDENTS

- Meet with your school counselor to discuss colleges and their requirements
- Update your 5-year plan
- Consider taking practice SAT/ACT exams
- Attend college fairs
- Continue to take challenging and required classes to prepare you for college
- Continue to get involved in school or community based activities
- Continue to keep a record of your awards, honors, paid and volunteer work, and extracurricular activities

### PARENTS

- Review 5 year plan
- Consider having your child take practice ACT/SAT exams
- Research college requirements and set-up individual meetings with your child's school counselor
- Continue to save for your child's college education
- Attend college and financial aid nights with your child

## JUNIOR YEAR

### STUDENTS

- Take the PSAT: October
- Plan on taking either ACT/SAT in Winter or Spring
- Review 5-year plan
- Attend college and financial aid nights: Fall
- Continue to take challenging and required classes to prepare for college
- Continue to stay involved in school or community based activities
- Develop a tentative list of post high school educational options
- Visit selected colleges you are interested in

### PARENTS

- Attend college and financial aid nights with your child
- Take your child to visit college campuses
- Talk to your child about post high school options
- Review 5-year plan
- Make sure your child is scheduled to take either ACT/SAT
- Continue to save for your child's education
- Continue to research college requirements and set-up individual meetings with your child's school counselor
- Research scholarships

## SENIOR YEAR

### STUDENTS

- Complete all final college course requirements
- Retake or take SAT/ACT, if applicable: Fall
- Apply to the colleges you have chosen: Fall
- Attend college and financial aid night: Fall
- Apply for scholarships: Fall
- Apply for financial aid: Fall/Winter
- Review your college acceptances and compare the colleges' financial packages: Spring
- When you decide which school you want to attend, notify that school of your commitment: Spring

### PARENTS

- Complete your child's financial aid packet: Fall/Winter
- Stay connected with your child's school regarding scholarships
- Attend college and financial aid nights

### 4 Year College Requirements

[www.wsac.wa.gov](http://www.wsac.wa.gov)

- ✓ 4 years of English
- ✓ 3 years of Math
- ✓ 2 years of Lab Science
- ✓ 3 years of History and Social Science
- ✓ 2 years of Foreign Language (2 yrs of same language)
- ✓ 1 year of Visual Art

#### How to Pay for College

- ❖ [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
- ❖ [www.thewashboard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org)
- ❖ [www.studentscholarshipsearch.com](http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com)
- ❖ [www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)
- ❖ [www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com)
- ❖ [www.nelliemae.org](http://www.nelliemae.org)

#### College Research

- ❖ [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- ❖ [www.univsource.com](http://www.univsource.com)
- ❖ [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)
- ❖ [www.allaboutcollege.com](http://www.allaboutcollege.com)
- ❖ [www.khec.com](http://www.khec.com)
- ❖ [www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com)
- ❖ [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com)

#### College Readiness Assessments

- ❖ [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- ❖ [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- ❖ [www.khec.com](http://www.khec.com)
- ❖ [www.allaboutcollege.com](http://www.allaboutcollege.com)