

## Item A: High School College Planning Checklist

9th Grade		Task	Notes
Create a four-year study plan that includes required courses:			
	Some colleges and programs require baseline courses to be completed in High School, get those on your road map. Front loading your courses in 9th grade will allow you to take more College focus classes and spend more time with college prep in 12th grade.		
	If you can get college credits paid for by your High School it will lower the total cost of your degree. But some courses require certain High School prerequisites to attend. Get these taken care of in your Fr. and So. years.		
	Four Years of English and Writing		
	Three Years of Social Studies		
	Three years of Math		
	Three years of Science or Computers. Programing		
	Two years of a Foreign Language		
Research potential career paths:			
	Having an idea of what you want to do after college will help shape your class, extracurricular, and college choices. It will also help avoid changing courses in college and adding time and tuition to the plan.		
	Attend career fairs, job expos, and follow adults to work for a day here and there. These are free and give college		
Design High School in anticipation for College:			
	Make a list of potential areas of study in college and map them to college courses		
	Determine what College Courses and AP will carry over to College. For planning purposes College Courses (even Community Colleges) are more		

	likely to yield a college credit than AP programs.		
Set up a “ <a href="#">College Application Folder</a> ” (See below for ideas):			
<b>10th Grade</b>		<b>Task</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Study for standardized testing regardless of your Plan:			
	The PSAT will help prepare you to take the SAT and ACT, and it may also qualify you for a National Merit Scholarship.		
	PSAT registration deadline (get this from your school):		Date: ___ / ___
	PSAT test date:		Date: ___ / ___
Research extracurricular activities of interest and things schools like			
	Find 3-5 activities a year to become involved in that you like, don’t overextend yourself, and talk to your friends about the activities they will be in too (at least one of these activities should be academics or community involvement)		
	Make sure to commit to these extracurriculars, one thing you are truly passionate about is better than 5 you dabble in. These shouldn’t be forced and a job is a perfect substitute.		
<b>11th Grade</b>		<b>Task</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Begin higher education now			
	Enroll in AP and/or dual-enrollment classes (through your school)		
	Obtaining college-level credit in high school will give you a jumpstart on college requirements, and it is often a cost-effective option.		
Make a "top schools list." ( <a href="#">template below</a> )			
	Review Schools that are noted for the discipline you enjoy		
	Review Schools that meet your distance requirements (the cost of traveling toan from the school is often overlooked as part of a financial plan)		

	Develop a roster of these schools average GPA and Test requirements, and their Annual Costs for tuition, room and board, and living expenses for the cities they are in		
Study for the SAT and/or ACT.			
	Enroll in a formal program if you can afford it		
	Avoid “peer” study groups, they generally lack the discipline and foresight required to get the most out of the time spent		
Make your Junior AP and standardized testing and study calendar			
	SAT registration deadline (July - May):		
	SAT test date (August - June):		Date: ___/___
	ACT registration deadline (August - June):		
	ACT test date (September - July):		Date: ___/___
	AP test registration deadline (September - November):		
	AP test date(s) (May):		Date: ___/___ Date: ___/___ Date: ___/___ Date: ___/___
Take your tests and good luck make sure you are doing the below			
	Manage your stress - they are just tests		
	Share your feelings and concerns with parents/guardians, and a counselor if available		
<b>12th Grade</b>		<b>Task</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Continue to enroll in AP and/or dual-enrollment classes (through your school).			

	Study for and retake the SAT or ACT (if you need better scores and feel they are attainable)		
Make your make-up testing and study calendar			
	SAT registration deadline (July - May):		
	SAT test date (August - June):		Date: ___/___
	ACT registration deadline (August - June):		
	ACT test date (September - July):		Date: ___/___
	AP test registration deadline (September - November):		
	AP test date(s) (May):		Date: ___/___ Date: ___/___ Date: ___/___ Date: ___/___
Fill out and submit the FAFSA (starting October 1)			
Apply for scholarships and other financial aid awards throughout the year.			
	Pull out the " <a href="#">College Application Folder</a> " to make this easier and less consuming		
	Get 5 certified copies of testing scores		
	Get 5 certified copies of AP tests scores		
	Make a budget for School Applications and try to get early application discounts		
	School application deadline(s):		Date: ___/___ Date: ___/___ Date: ___/___ Date: ___/___ Date: ___/___

Apply to all colleges and universities on your “top schools list” during the fall semester.		
Visit/contact any schools that award acceptance.		
Accept/reject admission award letters and due dates		Date: ____/____ Date: ____/____ Date: ____/____ Date: ____/____ Date: ____/____
Make your Senior AP Testing and study calendar		
	AP test registration deadline (September - November):	
	AP test date(s) (May):	Date: ____/____ Date: ____/____ Date: ____/____ Date: ____/____
Enjoy the college experience and reward yourself for the hard work you’ve put into this effort.		