

THE **Get-to-College-and-Career** CALENDAR

JUNIORS First Semester

September

- ✓ Check your transcript for graduation status and your schedule to make sure it has the courses you requested. You should be taking advanced and AP courses when available. The academic grades earned in grades 10 and 11 are the ones used for UC/CSU college admissions.
- ✓ Access and update your Naviance account. Manage the colleges you are thinking about, complete a college search and save your results.
- ✓ Research scholarship opportunities and, if you meet the application criteria, APPLY!
- ✓ Register for the PSAT exam, offered in October. When you take the PSAT exam in your junior year, it is preparing you for the SAT Reasoning Exam and may qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- ✓ Join California Scholarship Federation (CSF) if eligible.
- ✓ Join clubs and focus on extra-curricular activities you really enjoy.
- ✓ Colleges send reps to visit; sign up on Naviance to attend meetings.

November

- ✓ Complete your Naviance Game Plan survey.
- ✓ Keep your grades up. Colleges do look at year-end grades.
- ✓ Continue researching scholarship opportunities.
- ✓ Plan standardized testing schedule (SAT, ACT; avoid known calendar conflicts such as AP testing and tournaments)
- ✓ Begin standardized test preparation.

December

- ✓ You will receive your PSAT results. Review the results with your school counselor. Identify your strengths and weaknesses and develop a plan of study to prepare for the upcoming SAT Reasoning Test.
- ✓ Review the colleges you are thinking about and identify key admissions deadlines and standardized testing requirements for admission (SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests).
- ✓ Sign up for SAT and/or ACT tests on spring testing dates. Pay close attention to registration deadlines.

October

- ✓ Attend college representative visits and college programs, either at your school or in the San Diego area.
- ✓ Begin researching colleges and universities. Log on to the websites of the colleges on your list, and review admission requirements, application deadlines, fees and financial aid information.
- ✓ Take the PSAT/NMSQT exam.
- ✓ Review and update your Naviance "Career Interest Profiler" and your saved careers.

January

- ✓ Complete your Naviance Do What You Are assessment.
- ✓ Continue to look for scholarships; watch due dates.
- ✓ Review PSAT/NMSQT results.

Second Semester ►



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February

- ✓ Now that first semester has completed, check your transcript for graduation status and your schedule to make sure it has the courses you requested. This semester's academic grades will be the final ones used in calculating your eligibility for admission to UC and CSU schools.
- ✓ Begin finalizing your college list and consider visiting colleges and universities of interest during spring break.
- ✓ Review and revise your four-year individualized academic plan in Naviance Course Planner.
- ✓ Register for summer school (if desired and available).
- ✓ Continue to explore colleges on web sites and in books.
- ✓ Attend college fairs.
- ✓ Confirm with counselor course load is appropriate for college.
- ✓ Register for SAT and SAT subject tests.

March

- ✓ If you are taking an AP course, make sure you sign up to take the AP exam in May. If you have questions on how to sign up, speak with your school counselor.
- ✓ If you have signed up for the SAT Reasoning Test/ACT with writing, arrive early – by 7:45 a.m. Bring with you the following items:
 - ◆ Photo ID.
 - ◆ Your printed admission ticket.
 - ◆ Two #2 pencils.
 - ◆ Calculator with new batteries.
 - ◆ Snack for the break.

April

- ✓ Visit potential colleges and universities over spring break. If available, consider scheduling an interview with appropriate admissions staff at the colleges and universities.
- ✓ If you complete an interview at a college or university, send a thank you note to the individual that conducted the interview.
- ✓ When taking the CST exams, make sure that you answer the supplemental items which comprise the CSU's Early Assessment Program (EAP) in mathematics and Language Arts. The results of these tests will help you make the best decisions for course selection in grade 12.
- ✓ Continue to look for scholarships.

May

- ✓ Take the Advanced Placement exams (if applicable).
- ✓ Tips for the SAT Reasoning Test/ACT with writing.
 - ◆ Arrive early, by 7:45 a.m.
 - ◆ Don't forget...
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 - Snack for the break
- ✓ Ask teachers to write letters of recommendations for you. Be prepared to provide teachers with a resume and other possible documents they may require.
- ✓ Start looking for a summer job, community service, or extracurricular activity to become involved.

June/July/August

- ✓ Continue working toward good grades.
- ✓ Visit colleges if possible.
- ✓ Obtain college application forms and information online and begin filling out applications. Identify appropriate application process for each school you are choosing to apply (UC application, common application, etc.).
- ✓ Review essay prompts on various college applications and begin to work on your essays. Begin writing the rough drafts of personal statements for college applications.
- ✓ Finalize your list of colleges and universities to apply.
- ✓ Decide if you are going to apply early decision, early action, rolling admission, or regular admission to each college and university you have selected to apply.
- ✓ Sign up for SAT or ACT Tests in early August.