



College & Career Readiness Overview

What you need to know to prepare for life after high school.

9th Grade

- Meet with your counselor to confirm graduation requirements and set your schedule
- Get active: choose a few electives and extracurricular activities of interest
- Discuss family finances & plans for commitments for college/career schools
- Start the scholarship search
- Check out resources for ACT/SAT prep
- Learn how to build an activity resume
- Attend any helpful workshops pertaining to college & career readiness
- Volunteer or learn a new hobby over the summer to add to your experience

10th Grade

- Meet with your counselor for a follow-up on grades and progress, review your plans
- Add more electives and extracurricular activities of interest
- Research future career options
- Start college search
- Continue looking for scholarships
- Continue to build your activity resume, update when necessary
- Attend any helpful workshops pertaining to college & career readiness
- Volunteer or learn a new hobby/possibly work during summer break for college/career school

11th Grade

- Meet with your counselor, follow-up on grades, confirm you are on track to graduate
- Revisit college/career school list, narrow down to Top 10
- Attend any college/career school fairs
- Consider job shadowing
- Continue looking for scholarships
- Take ACT/SAT
- Continue to talk to parents about finances and plans to pay for school
- Update activity resume
- Brainstorm college/career school essay topics and create outlines
- Understand the ins and outs on school loans
- Start visiting college/career schools (narrow down list to Top 5)

12th Grade

- Meet with your counselor, confirm grades, confirm you are on track for graduation
- Retake ACT/SAT if needed
- Complete FAFSA (Opens October 1st)
- Take your Top 5 college/career schools, find application deadlines and begin applying
- Ask for letters of recommendations
- Write the college/career school application essays
- Finalize activity resume to submit with college/career school applications
- Continue to apply for scholarships
- Review financial aid packets offered by schools who accepted you
- Revisit colleges that accepted you and make a decision by May 1st
- Start prepping for life after high school

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