

# College Planning

## Yearly Checklist

### Freshman and Sophomore Years

1.  Check admission requirements for 4-year and 2-year colleges.
2.  Select a realistic program for future goals with aid of counselor and parents.
3.  Sophomores may register for PSAT in early October (third Saturday in October).
4.  Sophomores may register to take ACT's PLAN Test in early Spring. Registration will be done in their history classes.
5.  Make informal visits to campuses, talk with college students and alumni.
6.  Discuss college plans with parents.
7.  Explore college web sites, college catalogs and reference materials in College Center.
8.  Counselors will meet with sophomores and parents in Fall for future college planning.

### Junior Year

1.  Discuss college plans with parents.
2.  Sign up for online College Center bulletin.
3.  Register for PSAT early in October (test date is third Saturday in October). Registration will be done in their history classes.
4.  Check out college catalogs and videos from the College Center and explore college web sites.
5.  Attend college representative meetings in the College and Career Center. Watch for announcements in Weekly Bulletin.
6.  Check college admission requirements.
7.  Investigate college costs.
8.  Register for College Entrance Exams. (such as SAT Reasoning, ACT, and SAT Subject Tests). Registration is all done on line. For ACT go to [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org) and for SAT go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

### Senior Year

1.  Register for Fall SAT Reasoning, ACT, and/or SAT Subject Tests if needed.
2.  Contact private colleges for applications (common applications available) early in the fall and begin online applications for CSU and UC.
3.  Consider each individual filing date.
4.  Complete senior packet for counselor recommendation, available in the Counseling Center.
5.  Request letters of recommendation for private colleges from teachers. Provide a completed resume to letter writer, and a 3-week notice (minimum).
6.  Check financial aid due dates; check for correct forms. FAFSA filing begins January 2.
7.  Place deposit on college you choose to attend by May 1st.