

Planning in High School

Freshman Year

- Continue working on your Individual Career and Academic Plan (ICAP) in Naviance.
- Plan extracurriculars: summer activities, volunteer, work, explore careers.
- Monitor Academic Progress-grades count!!
- Start a college savings account.
- Talk about college options: locations, size, cost, available majors, sport. Begin Visiting!

Sophomore Year

- Explore and discuss college options. Create list of schools in Naviance. Look at their requirements regarding GPA, test scores, yrs of language.
- Introduce yourself to Coaches at the schools your interested in!!!!
- Continue ICAP. Get involved in activities to develop leadership skills (volunteer, work, explore careers)
- Review transcript with counselor to ensure accuracy and review NCAA eligibility.
- Continue to put money in college savings account.
- Visit Colleges
- Take any summer school courses to catch up or get ahead.
- Take the ACT the end of the school year (or beginning of next) to get a base score and plan test prep efforts.

Junior Year

- Register and take ACT National Test or SAT before December to make and implement a test prep plan.
- Take PSAT in October for National Merit Scholarship and practice.
- Register w/NCAA. www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Begin college essays and resume
- Narrow list of college choices to at least 5 (1 safety, 2 target, 2 reach)
- Introduce Yourself to Coaches at the schools your interested in!!!!
- Register and take SAT II subject tests (at least 2 subjects required for some Colleges).
- Explore scholarships, attend financial aid night to learn about options
- Continue participation in leadership and volunteer opportunities.
- Visit schools and begin applications.
- Decide about Early Decision vs Early Action. vs Regular Decision. Make a calendar to plan ahead.
- Request Letters of Recommendation.
- Complete ICAPS in Naviance.

Senior Year

- Sign up for final SAT and/or ACT tests In August as well as SAT Subject tests if needed.
- Create Common Application account in August.
- Introduce Yourself to Coaches at the schools your applying to!!!!
- Submit at least 5 college applications by Christmas.
- Apply for financial aid and scholarships