



COLLEGE ADMISSIONS ROAD MAP

FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall:

- Start school activities and community service
- Meet with your school counselor
- Develop a four- year academic plan
- Register for honors and AP classes
- Take PSAT
- Don't fall behind on schoolwork.

Spring:

- Start school activities and community service
- Read challenging material on a daily basis
- Sign up for your sophomore honors and AP classes
- Prepare for finals and finish the year strong

Summer:

- Volunteer 100+ hours OR work OR attend a summer program
- Visit two or more colleges
- Prepare for PSAT and upcoming AP classes

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall:

- Get to know your school counselor better and update your academic plan
- Take the PSAT
- Get more involved in school and community activities

Spring

- Take the SAT subject Tests that correspond with your AP classes
- Sign up for Junior honors and AP classes
- Prepare for finals and end with a strong GPA

Summer

- Volunteer 100+ hours OR work OR attend a summer program
- Visit two or more colleges
- Prepare for PSAT, SAT ACT and upcoming AP classes

JUNIOR YEAR

Fall:

- Your Junior year grades must be strong
- Course selection is one of the most critical factors in college acceptance
- Obtain positions of leadership in your school and community activities
- Take the PSAT and compete for the National Merit Scholarship
- Meet with your counselor to develop an initial list of colleges
- Prepare for the SAT and/or ACT

Spring

- Meet college representatives who visit your school and community
- Take SAT, ACT, SAT Subject tests and AP tests
- Visit your top college choices during spring break
- Get college applications for next year

Summer

- Volunteer 100+ hours OR work OR attend a summer program
- Visit two or more colleges
- Start writing your college application essays
- Finalize your college list
- Start researching college scholarship opportunities

SENIOR YEAR

Fall:

- Polish your college application essays
- Maintain good grades
- Obtain positions of leadership in your school and community activities
- Check dates for early and regular application deadlines
- Ask teachers, counselors and others for recommendations two months before the dealines
- Take SAT, ACT and/or SAT Subject tests
- Fill out Financial Aid forms
- Apply to colleges

Spring

- Visit the colleges where you have been accepted
- Choose and college and make your deposit
- Maintain good grades