

Year By Year Timeline:

10th Grade

A year by year guide to preparing for college

Whew, freshman year is over-you are no longer low person on the totem pole. Are you ready to relax? Before you do, ask you self this:

- 1. **Am I going to live at home forever?!**
- 2. **What would I like to do?**
- 3. **What kind of school do I want to attend?**
- 4. **How do I pay for it?**
- 5. **What do I need to be doing to make it all happen!**

LET'S GET STARTED!!!!

- Did you work last year academically and participate meaningfully in organizations? If so, encourage keep it up! If not, you'll need to get where you need to be and fast! Some colleges can be satisfied by a great sophomore through senior year performance, but it is harder to explain away not-so-stellar freshman AND sophomore years. Sophomores get involves with commitment NOW!!!
- Students, you may take standardized tests this year - PLAN, PSAT/NMSQT, and/or SAT II. Testing will play a roll in your college selection.

In the FALL of 10th GRADE!

- Participate in your schools clubs and organizations
- Take the career interest inventory in your career center

- Volunteer Job shadow or participate in career day, if possible
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- Refine/Revise/Update your resume. Keep it simple!
- Continue discussing post high school plans with school counselor and parent/guardians
- Review cost factors for college and investigate options

In the SPRING of 10th GRADE

- Take the most challenging course of study available
- Begin to look for leadership roles in clubs/activities
- Continue development of service activity
- Strengthen relationships with peers, teachers, counselors, activity moderators and employers-they will be writing recommendations for you down the road!
 - Check out policies/opportunities at your school
 - Take the PLAN Take the PSAT
- Continue working on study habits and note-taking skills
- Go to college/career/apprenticeship fairs