

Graduation/College Timeline

October Junior Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take PSAT (this test qualifies you for National Merit Scholarship program to earn money for college) • Register for NCAA (if planning to play a sport in college) (http://www.eligibilitycenter.org/) 	Notes:
January Junior Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a critical semester – continue to work hard • Complete college priorities sheet (click here) • Set up graduation/college file (this should include a calendar with test deadlines and dates, application due dates, financial aid deadlines, etc.) 	
February Junior Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register to take the ACT in April or June (www.act.org) • Register to take the SAT Reasoning/Subject tests in May or June (www.collegeboard.com) • Prepare for SAT/ACT using resources in the Career Center, on-line or take a prep course 	
March Junior Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss college options with parents, counselor, college and career center and/or teachers • Meet with counselor to review transcript/graduation petition to plan courses for senior year • Research colleges using career center resources and websites • Visit college campuses during spring break • Develop a list of 10- 12 colleges of interest • Complete college comparison sheet (click here) 	
April Junior Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the ACT (may be taken in June) • Register for summer school, if necessary • Research summer college programs, courses, internships, community service opportunities or summer employment • Register for Sierra College 	
May Junior Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review course selection – make changes NOW! – plan for a challenging senior year • Take SAT Reasoning / AP Exams • Prepare letter of recommendation request – consider who you will request to write the letter 	
June/July Senior Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take SAT Subject Tests (2 from different subject areas for certain majors for UC admission) • Take ACT – if not taken in April • Complete community service hours • Visit college campuses, continue to refine research, request additional information • Log on to CSU Mentor or UC websites to review application process 	

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<p>August/ September</p> <p>Senior Year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turn in completed community service contracts • Register for night school, if necessary • Make a master calendar of important dates and deadlines • Attend Senior Information Night • Attend Financial Aid Information Night • Register for ACT/SAT Reasoning, if necessary • Make drafts of college applications and begin to complete (especially essays) • Research scholarships • Plan ahead; don't procrastinate • Seek help – don't be afraid to ask 	<p>Notes:</p>
<p>October</p> <p>Senior Year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opens on October 1st through March 2nd – apply early • Request letters of recommendations from teachers, counselor, administrators – give at least two week notice (Click here for resume form) • CSU application filing period opens October 1st • Attend Regional College Fair 	
<p>November/ December</p> <p>Senior Year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay attention to deadlines • UC application filing period is November 1st -30th – apply early • Last time to take SAT – check individual colleges • Check private college application deadlines • Make sure test scores were sent to colleges • Continue to work hard in classes • Continue to check scholarship opportunities 	
<p>May</p> <p>Senior Year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform every college of your acceptance or rejection of the offer of admission and/or financial aid by May 1. (send deposit, if needed) Talk to your counselor or college and career center if you have questions. • Take AP Exams 	
<p>June</p> <p>Senior Year</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send Final Transcript to college. 	