Graduation/College Timeline

October	Take PSAT (this test qualifies you for National Merit Scholarship program to earn money for college)	Notes:
Junior Year	 Register for NCAA (if planning to play a sport in college) (http://www.eligibilitycenter.org/) 	
January Junior Year	 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	 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	 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	 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	 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	 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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