

Post-Secondary Planning Timeline

Are you "Ready to Go"?

9th Grade

<p>INVESTIGATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school graduation requirements • Interests as they relate to careers • Personal strengths, and • Skills you have and those which you need to build. <p>CREATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal portfolio – gather your report cards, awards and honors documents, and a list of school and community activities, and, personal goals 	<p>ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take challenging courses or take course rigors that are right for you • Meet with your school counselor to discuss postsecondary goals • Read as much as you can from a variety of materials; • Prepare for the PSAT • Volunteer • Participate in extra-curricular activities, and • Update your Academic and Career Plan
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10th Grade

<p>INVESTIGATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career options • College entrance requirements, most competitive college requirements include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ English (4 units) ❖ Social Studies (4 units) ❖ Science (3-4 units) ❖ Foreign Language (3-4 units) ❖ Mathematics (3-4 units, at least up to Algebra II) ❖ World Language (3-4 units of same language) ❖ Fine Arts/CTE (2-4 units) • The cost of post-secondary education, and • Honors/AP/IB Courses <p>CREATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update your personal portfolio throughout the school year • Create an activities resume, and • Update and modify your personal goals as needed <p>ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to take course rigors that are right for you or take challenging courses to include AP/IB/AICE • Meet with your school counselor to evaluate your current performance as it pertains to future goals • Read as much as you can from a variety of materials • Take the PSAT and other state exams • Volunteer or work part-time • Start saving for college, and • Participate in extra-curricular activities
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11th Grade

<p>INVESTIGATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College options and the application process • NCAA Clearinghouse for potential college athletes • Personal traits and how they relate to future plans • Dual Enrollment with local Community Colleges <p>CREATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update personal goals • Update personal portfolio, and • Finalize and update your activities resume <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Include clubs, sports, community service & jobs you have had • Start the Letter of Recommendation request forms early, forms are online or in the Career Center/Counseling Office <p>ACTION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to take course rigors that are right for you or take challenging courses to include Honors/AP/IB • Take PSAT in the Fall of junior year and other state exams, as required • Take SAT or ACT in the Spring of junior year (Prep resources at www.khanacademy.org or visit CUSD Community Education for in-class prep courses) • Participate in extra-curricular activities and consider options for leadership within organizations • Submit Letter of Recommendation request forms for teachers/counselors to write • Attend college fairs, apply for colleges over the summer, and apply for scholarships • Visit college campuses during spring break • Meet with your school counselor and begin to finalize your senior year schedule and post-secondary plan
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12th Grade

<p>INVESTIGATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College entrance requirements • College application deadlines • Financial aid deadlines • Scholarship options • College majors, and • Community College options 	<p>CREATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update your personal portfolio throughout the school year • Finalize your personal goals • Finalize and update your activities resume <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Include clubs, sports, community service & jobs you have had • Finalize the “Letter of Recommendation” request forms
<p>ACTION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JUNE-AUGUST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare for the SAT/ACT. (Prep resources: www.khanacademy.org or CUSD Community Education prep- courses) • Craft/formalize college essays - ask family, friends and teachers to review your writing • Request Letters of Recommendation early, forms are online or in the Career Center/Counseling Office • Research/Track admissions timelines • Attend college fairs • Apply for first choice and backup colleges • Apply for scholarships • Volunteer, work part-time or intern • Meet with your school counselor for credit checks <p style="text-align: center;">SEPTEMBER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register for the fall SAT/ACT tests • Make a plan for meeting application deadlines • Request/Track letters of recommendation from teachers, supervisors, coaches or volunteer coordinators • Continue to apply for scholarships <p style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER-DECEMBER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the SAT/ACT again if needed • Visit college campuses during fall break • Continue to apply to colleges • Start/Complete FAFSA <p style="text-align: center;">JANUARY-MARCH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to apply for scholarships • Continue to apply to colleges 	<p style="text-align: center;">APRIL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review college acceptance decisions and finalize your college choice • Notify your selected school by sending letter of commitment and submitting a deposit check • Review any financial aid packages and scholarship awards with your parents • Study for AP/IB Exams • Apply to Community College if that is your chosen path • Take the Community College placement test if needed <p style="text-align: center;">MAY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take AP/IB; exams • Send thank you notes to people who wrote letters of recommendation <p style="text-align: center;">JUNE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform your school counselor of any earned scholarships • Inform your school counselor about your final postsecondary plan • Register for college courses <p style="text-align: center;">JULY-AUGUST:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in any summer orientation program available at your school of choice • Finalize financial aid arrangements • Get ready to start college in the fall!