


# **MAKING HIGH SCHOOL COUNT**

**Because no matter what you've  
heard, colleges look at more than  
just your junior year!**



**It's NEVER too early to start thinking about college! Below, please find a general guideline to help you through every year of high school because EVERY YEAR COUNTS!!**

# Freshman Year

## **Fall – Winter**

- \* **Build a Strong foundation of classes and get the basics out of the way**
- \* **Get involved in extra/co-curricular activities**
- \* **Athlete? Be sure to learn the NCAA requirements**

## **Winter – Spring**

- \* **Keep your grades up**
- \* **Set your sights on leadership roles**
- \* **Consider possible career fields**

## **Summer**

- \* **Get a part-time summer job**
- \* **Keep reading to increase your vocabulary**

# Sophomore Year

## **Fall – Winter**

- \* **Prepare for the PSAT, given at UHS in October**
- \* **Review the results with your parents and school counselor in December. Consult College Board for personalized study plans!**

## **Winter – Spring**

- \* **Keep your grades up!**
- \* **Explore careers by completing a job shadowing experience**
- \* **Register in April and take June SAT Subject Tests**

## **Summer**

- \* **Research colleges online**

# Junior Year

## Fall

- \* **Take the PSAT (given at UHS in October)**
- Your scores could qualify you for National Merit Scholarships!**
- \* **Register for Winter/Spring ACT and SAT**
- \* **Review NCAA Eligibility Center requirements to ensure compliance**
- \* **Examine skills, interests, & abilities to narrow down academic plan**

## Winter

- \* **Junior Conference with your counselor and parents**
- \* **Create a list of colleges & make plans for Spring/Summer visits**
- \* **Keep your grades up! Junior year GPA is what colleges first see...but remember: every year counts!**

## Spring

- \* **Take college entrance exams (SAT/ACT)**
- \* **Meet with your counselor to select courses for senior year. Remember to challenge yourself academically!**
- \* **Line up teachers, counselors, and others to write letters of recommendation**
- \* **Attend local college fairs**
- \* **Do research on majors that interest you**

## Summer

- \* **Begin working on your senior packet!**
- \* **Begin visiting colleges!**
- \* **Begin creating a list of colleges that you plan to apply and know their application process and deadlines**

# Senior Year

## Fall

- \* **Register for the fall SAT and ACT exams**
- \* **Schedule a college appointment with your counselor**
- \* **Request your official transcripts be sent and refer to senior packet**
- \* **Submit applications to the colleges you selected and remember to use Naviance**
- \* **Apply for a FAFSA pin**
- \* **Determine if your schools require the CSS Profile**
- \* **Apply for scholarships**

## Winter

- \* **Complete the FAFSA between January 1<sup>st</sup> and mid-February**
- \* **Take a second look at the schools to which you have been admitted**

## Spring

- \* **Complete the financial aid process by accepting your award package**
- \* **May 1<sup>st</sup> is the National College Reply Date so confirm your intent by making a deposit**
- \* **Let all colleges/universities know what your plans are for fall**
- \* **Attend admitted student programming both on and off campus**
- \* **Register for new student orientation**
- \* **Complete final stages of NCAA Eligibility Center**

## Summer

- \* **Attend college orientation**
- \* **Connect with your roommate**