

Tips for High School

Make a good first impression

on teachers, counselors, and administrators by:

- attending all classes
- being on time
- working hard
- taking good notes
- completing homework
- communicating with teachers and counselors

Meet with your counselor yearly to discuss your transcript. Select challenging courses that support your college and career goals.

Don't follow the crowd when choosing courses and extracurricular activities. Make choices based on your genuine interests.

Manage your time wisely. Don't procrastinate. Use a planner to stay organized.

Maintain good grades throughout high school - don't wait until your junior or senior year. Every year counts towards the calculation of your GPA!

Get involved

in academic and extracurricular activities such as:

- academic enrichment programs
- summer camps
- sports
- clubs
- volunteer work
- part-time job

Create a high school resume to keep track of all of your academic and extracurricular activities and honors.

Research colleges and majors at eCampusTours.com.

Sign up for the eCampusTours e-newsletter on eCampusTours.com for helpful college planning articles for high school students.



College Planning Timeline

Freshman Year

- Start high school with excellent grades and study hard to keep them up each year
- Commit to extracurricular activities in which you'll be involved for several years
- Start a resume to track all of your activities and accomplishments and update it every semester
- Use a daily planner or a calendar app on your phone to record test dates, extracurricular events, etc. in order to stay organized

Junior Year

- Attend college fairs and financial aid workshops
- Take the ACT or SAT in the spring
- Visit college campuses to help narrow your list of choices
- Research and apply for scholarships to meet early deadlines
- Obtain a summer internship or job shadowing position in order to network and gain on-the-job experience

Sophomore Year

- Plan your finances for college and learn how to budget
- Research colleges and majors at eCampusTours.com
- Practice for college entrance exams by taking the PSAT or ACT Aspire
- Consider attending a summer camp to discover talents, interests, and values

Senior Year

- Request official transcripts from your school to include in your college applications
- Submit admissions, scholarship, and financial aid applications
- Take or retake the ACT or SAT
- Participate in college open house
- Register for an FSA ID and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible after October 1st
- Attend orientation at your chosen college the summer before your freshman year

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