

Recommended Timetable for College-Bound Students

Sophomore Year

1. Get to KNOW the GUIDANCE COUNSELORS.
2. DO YOUR BEST in every class and make GOOD GRADES!
3. EXPLORE CAREER OPTIONS. Establish a desired program of study or career direction.
4. Consider taking the PSAT in October for practice. You must take it in October of your junior year to qualify for National Merit Scholarships.
5. Take advanced academic courses that will best prepare you for college!
6. Consider taking a college entrance exam such as ACT or SAT. (Immediately after completing Algebra II).
7. GET seriously INVOLVED in extra-curricular and/or volunteer community activities. (Keep a journal of hours involved, services rendered, awards, etc.).
8. CREATE A RESUME' or vita of all activities, awards, volunteer service etc. completed during the ninth grade and continue adding the events during high school.
9. ATTEND COLLEGE & SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT Programs in September to gather information. Read about college admissions requirements.
10. ATHLETES should talk with coaches/counselors NOW about NCAA Clearinghouse requirements.

Fall of Junior Year

1. Request information from eight to ten schools that offer your desired program of study. (Pay attention to ACT and/or SAT I score requirements and priority deadlines for these schools. Find out if SAT II's are required.)
2. VISIT and GET the ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS from the colleges/universities you are interested in attending.
3. TAKE THE PSAT, the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test in October. Register in guidance.
4. TAKE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM (ACT or SAT). NOTE: If SAT II's (subject area tests) are required, organize a schedule for completion of all parts by December 1st of your senior year. You are encouraged to take the SAT II subject test as soon as you complete the course in high school. Apply on-line: ACT is www.actstudent.org and SAT is www.collegeboard.com
5. ATTEND COLLEGE & SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT programs in September. Talk to admissions counselors.
6. Narrow the list of college/university choices. Begin visiting these campuses during fall intersession, winter and spring break, and summer vacations. (Talk directly to admissions and financial aid officers.)
7. UPDATE YOUR RESUME' or vita. Give a copy to all persons who write your recommendations and include if possible with scholarship applications.

Spring of Junior Year

1. Decide on a final list of three to six colleges/universities to which you will apply.
2. Contact selected colleges/universities and request admissions and scholarship materials. Preparing applications and writing essays properly takes time! Applications may be submitted during the summer.
3. TAKE COLLEGE ENTRANCE EXAM (ACT or SAT) in April or June. Have scores sent directly to your chosen colleges/universities. NOTE: ATHLETES remember to send scores to the NCAA Clearinghouse.
4. Organize all application materials. Set up a checklist for all admissions requirements. Keep up with all deadlines.
5. **Get started on ROTC Scholarship applications!** You do NOT have to be a JROTC cadet at EHS to apply. MILITARY ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS REQUIRE TIME. START NOW!!!

Fall of Senior Year

1. Make sure your counselor knows your college preferences and your intended program of study.
2. **Apply for admissions!** Many universities have November/December 1 deadlines. Scholarships awards are offered only to students who are admitted. (You MUST request a transcript from guidance when you apply.)
3. Update your resume' or vita. This will be helpful in completing applications and should be given to any person writing a recommendation.
4. Apply for all possible scholarships as soon as applications are available! Keep a PHOTOCOPY of EVERYTHING!
5. REPEAT the appropriate college-entrance exam (ACT or SAT) in September and October, IF NECESSARY.
6. ATHLETES should talk to coaches about registering for the NCAA Clearinghouse.
7. ATTEND COLLEGE NIGHT in September for admissions, financial aid and scholarships information.
8. CHECK WITH ADMISSIONS OFFICE OF THE SCHOOLS WHERE YOU APPLIED AND CONFIRM THAT YOUR APPLICATIONS ARE COMPLETE!
9. Request PIN identification numbers from Free Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA) in Nov./Dec. online at: www.pin.ed.gov

Winter of Senior Year

1. Complete, photocopy, and mail or email the **Free Federal Financial Aid Application (FAFSA)** as soon as you or your parent(s) complete tax returns. These applications are not available until January of your senior year! Photocopy tax returns for verification. *Some college/university scholarships are offered only after a student is denied for Free Federal Financial Aid and student loans require that you first apply for Free Federal Aid (Pell Grants).
2. FIGHT SENIORITIS! Keep your grades up! Colleges will look at final transcripts.