

Da Vinci Communications Eleventh Grade Timeline/Checklist

Fall

- Take the PSAT/NMSQT if you are college bound. Junior year's test could make you eligible for National Merit Scholarship
- Know your PSAT scores
- Junior Kick off Night
- Compare your practice ACT scores with your PSAT scores
- Explore your Naviance account <https://www.naviance.com/>
- Start gathering information on colleges, trade schools, or other options
- Consider a leadership role in your school or in an outside organization
- Consider honors to add rigor to your transcript
- Organize a testing plan (Figure out when you'll be taking important tests like the SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests)
- Talk to your counselor

Winter/Early Spring

- Get PSAT scores back
- Consider honors to add rigor to your transcript*
- Do a college search on Naviance Super Match. Begin thinking about the kind of college that will fit your needs
- Request information from colleges and technical schools
- Look for SAT/ACT prep programs
- Take your first SAT in January, April, May or June
- Take your first ACT in February, April, or June
- Look into subject tests if you plan to apply to highly selective schools or programs**
- Meet with your counselor and parents to discuss academic progress, course selection for next year, and after high school plans**
- Begin a list of colleges that you have an interest in that match your GPA and SAT scores
- Apply to be nominated to POSSE
- Save essays or other writing samples used for college applications
- Learn how to ask the important questions for college admissions
- Learn more about Financial Aid
- Apply for a summer job or internship

Summer

- Consider internships for the summer of your senior year. Work with someone in a career area that you are considering
- Visit the colleges and/or trade or technical schools that you will apply to
- Become familiar with different parts of the applications. Create Common Application login, UC Application login, and CSU Mentor login
- Start writing and revising college essays
- Make appointments for college interviews if they are recommended at the schools that you are considering
- Spend time researching colleges
- If you plan to apply early decision to any school, take the time to visit the school again and make sure you're willing to commit.
- Know your GPA and ACT/SAT scores for your college search process**