

COLLEGE COUNTDOWN

9th GRADE:

- Focus on getting good grades! Your GPA starts now.
- Register on scholarship websites like www.fastweb.com.
- Get involved. Try a variety of activities so that you can find out what really interests you.

10th GRADE:

- Make good grades a priority. Your GPA continues to accumulate.
- Register at scholarship websites like www.fastweb.com.
- Take the PLAN (practice ACT) test in October.
- Start thinking about careers that interest you.
- Continue to participate in extracurricular activities.

11th GRADE:

- Keeping a high GPA is a **must**. Your average at the end of your junior year is what goes on your college applications in the fall.
- Attend college fairs (October)
- Take the PSAT (practice SAT) test in October
- Make a list of about 10 potential colleges.
- Meet with the college representatives.
- Utilize your two college days.
- Start thinking about possible majors.
- Stay involved in a variety of areas. Colleges look for well-rounded applicants.
- Plan to take your 1st ACT test by April or June.
- Register at scholarship websites like www.fastweb.com

12th GRADE:

- Grades still matter. All schools will require a final transcript. Admittance and Scholarship amounts are based on that final GPA and rank.
- Attend college fairs (October).
- Attempt to choose a major or general area of study. This will help to make the best college match for you.
- Utilize your two college days.
- Narrow your choices to the top 5.
- Send applications by December.
- Continue to take your ACT test until you are satisfied with the score but many schools will not accept tests dates later than December.
- File your FAFSA form (January).
- Meet with the college representatives.
- Register at scholarships websites like www.fastweb.com.