



10th Grade College Prep Timeline for Parents

Fall	
September	October
1.	Review the four-year academic plan with your student. Your student should talk with his or her counselor about fulfilling college requirements and to ensure enrollment in challenging elective courses. Ask about honors and or AP/IB courses that may be available at the school.
2.	Remind your student to meet with their EAOP Coordinator and to register for upcoming EAOP events. To stay up to date, please visit our website at https://eaop.ucr.edu/
3.	Recommend your student to register early for the October PSAT. Find out dates and more information about the PSAT from the school guidance office and EAOP website.
4.	Meet your student's teachers and counselor.
5.	Participate with your student in a College Fair, and attend a college financial aid workshop, if offered.
6.	Advise your student to seek help to improve in challenging subjects.
7.	Help your student identify extracurricular activities compatible with interest and your family schedule. If your student is already involved with extracurricular activities, encourage him or her to consider leadership positions.

Winter		
December	January	February
1.	If your student took the PSAT in October, review the score report and identify challenge areas with him or her. This will help your student prepare for the SAT Reasoning Exam the following year.	
2.	Encourage your student to research colleges and costs of attendance.	
3.	Discuss careers with your student; encourage your student to start a dialogue with people whose careers are of interest to him or her.	
4.	Talk with your student about progress in school. Encourage enrollment in Honors and AP courses in strong subjects.	
5.	With your student, take a tour of a local college or university while classes are in session to get a feel for what the campus is like.	
6.	Have your child set up a separate email account to receive all college-related correspondence.	
7.	<p>Talk to your student about setting up free online accounts with www.collegeboard.com*, www.csumentor.edu** , and the individual UC campus websites***.</p> <p>*The College Board account allows students to research colleges nationally, and even helps students prepare for the SAT Reasoning Exam through an email "Question of the Day." Parents can opt to have these emails sent to them as well.</p> <p>**CSU Mentor will help your student learn about the CSU system, research CSU campuses, and in the senior year, apply for admission.</p> <p>***If a student is interested in UC Riverside, create a free account at http://my.ucr.edu/ and the University will keep the student posted on the admission process, deadlines, and cool events.</p>	

Spring		
March	April	May
1.	Encourage your student to explore summer jobs, academic enrichment, and volunteer opportunities. Make sure the student is aware of application requirements and deadlines. Counselors may have information about summer programs offered at local college campuses.	
2.	Your student should meet with the counselor to discuss junior year course selection, including AP/Honors courses.	
3.	As academic enrichment, have your student consider a summer course at a community college. High school students take courses for free and can potentially earn Honors or college credit on approved courses.	

Summer		
June	July	August
1.	Finalize summer plans with your student.	
2.	Make sure your child has a summer reading list and a summer reading goal. Teachers, counselors, and the local library will have recommendations.	

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