



11Th Grade College Prep Timeline for Parents

Fall	
September	October
November	
1.	Remind your student to sign up to take the PSAT in October at their high school or at another high school in the community. For more about PSAT, visit the website at http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/reg.html .
2.	Meet your student's teachers, reintroduce yourself to the counselor and discuss your student's preparation for college.
3.	Take a tour of a local college or university while classes are in session to get a feel for the campus with your student.
4.	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/
5.	Have your student make a list of "target" colleges he or she is considering. Consider location, size, campus resources, and student demographics.
6.	Ensure that your student is familiar with the entrance requirements for target schools.
7.	Attend a College Fair or College Night with your student.

Winter		
December	January	February
1.	Encourage your student to talk to friends who are home for college winter break about their college experience. Consider talking with their parents to get a parent perspective.	
2.	Your student's PSAT score report will arrive in December; this will help identify challenge areas for the SAT Reasoning Exam.	
3.	Have your student ask the school counselor about the fee waivers for the SAT exams. Eligible students can receive up to two waivers.	
4.	With your student carefully review the spring SAT Reasoning and SAT Subject Exam schedule and register online. Subject Exams should be taken as soon as possible after completing the appropriate coursework. Testing schedules and practice exams are available at www.collegeboard.com . Register 6-8 weeks before each exam to ensure preferred testing date and location.	

Spring		
March	April	May
1.	Continue college visits with your student while classes are in session.	
2.	Encourage your student to take at least one full length practice exam before the SAT Reasoning Exam.	
3.	Your student should review their senior year class schedule with their counselor, including selection of possible AP or community college courses.	
4.	Begin actively searching for scholarships and financial aid with your student.	
5.	Use tools such as the online FAFSA Forecaster (https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/) to help calculate how much financial aid your student will receive and to estimate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).	
6.	Help your student explore summer jobs, academic enrichment, and volunteer opportunities. Be aware of application requirements and deadlines.	

Summer	
June	July
August	
1.	Finalize summer plans with your student.
2.	If taking a summer vacation, include a college tour!
3.	Encourage your student to create a summer reading list. Teachers, counselors, and the local library will have recommendations.
4.	Encourage your student to complete a draft of the personal statement. Help your student look into workshops offered by college preparation programs at local colleges, as they can provide the information and structure your student may need to get started.
5.	Assist your student in narrowing the list of schools to which he or she plans to apply. The list should include "safe", "realistic" and "reach" schools. Ensure that your student makes a checklist of admissions requirements (transcripts, application fees, test scores, recommendation letters, essays, financial aid applications, etc.).
6.	Together, mark a calendar with important application and financial dates and deadlines for senior year.
7.	Have your student create their FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID or CADAA (California Dream Act Account) Account. Visit https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa or https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing
8.	If your student plans to take the ACT, SAT Reasoning or SAT Subject Exams in the fall, he or she should register now to ensure a top choice date and test location. Remember that the December test date is the last time to take the exam to meet college application deadlines.

