

# Timeline for My Transition to College

## Freshman Year - Second Semester

- Connect with colleges and scholarships
- Visit a college campus
- Decide to take an AP course
- Calculate your GPA

## Freshman Year - First Semester

- What pathways interest you?
- Research college types and costs.
- Talk to parents or guardians and counselor about plans.
- Consider AP classes and PSAT.

## Sophomore Year - Second Semester

- Learn about financial aid
- Visit a college campus
- Review your AP exam scores (if taken)
- Decide to take an AP course

## Sophomore Year - First Semester

- Start a college list
- Narrow down pathways
- Take PSAT & review
- Review AP classes for next year



## Junior Year - Second Semester

- Meet with school counselor
- Plan to take SAT and/or ACT
- Take AP exams
- Review exam (AP, SAT, ACT) scores
- Learn about FAFSA
- Look into summer programs

## Junior Year - First Semester

- Add to college list
- Attend college fairs
- Review colleges and their various scholarships
- Explore career potential of pathway(s)



## Senior Year - First Semester

- Finalize college list
- Visit specific colleges
- Create accounts for college applications
- Create your FSA ID
- Decide on taking SAT/ACT again
- Start scholarship list
- Create college application plan
- Ask for letters of recommendation
- Write and revise essays
- Complete and submit scholarship apps



## Senior Year - Second Semester

- Update college application status
- Explore careers and majors
- Complete AP tests
- Select school and find actual cost of tuition, housing and meal-plans
- Review financial aid and complete admissions process
- Prepare for college life and moving into a dorm (if applicable)

Information from:

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/checklist>