



## Steps in the College Counseling Journey: A Guide of What is Coming and When

	9th	10th	11th	12 <sup>th</sup>
<b>ACADEMICS</b>	Find appropriate challenge	Find appropriate challenge	Consider AP classes, when appropriate	Increase or maintain appropriate challenge
	Establish good study habits	Work hard – this is a demanding year!	Work hard – this is a demanding year!	Stay strong through graduation
<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	Get involved, try things out	Continue involvement, do what you love	Seek leadership, do what you love	Seek leadership, do what you love
	Keep track	Keep track	Keep track, build a resume	Keep track and update colleges
<b>SUMMER</b>	Work on community service requirement	Have a meaningful summer, building a narrative about what you enjoy doing.	Have a meaningful summer, building a narrative about what you enjoy doing.	Enjoy summer
<b>TESTING</b>		PSAT	PSAT/NMSQT	SAT and/or ACT (fall)
		Practice ACT	SAT and/or ACT (after PSAT)	Take AP exams (all students)
			Take AP exams (many students)	
<b>CC CLASS</b>	Advisory conversations	Advisory conversations	Attend Junior College Counseling Class	Schedule one-on-one time to work on college apps
			Attend College Day	Attend College Day
<b>APPLYING</b>			Complete practice application in Junior College Counseling Class, resume, request teacher letter(s) of recommendation	Apply to college!
<b>VISITING</b>	Visit when convenient	Visit campuses	Visit campuses	Visit campuses