

11th Grade Planning Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- Your schedule should include courses that challenge you academically. Your course selection should include rigorous and interesting electives as well as the required classes.
- Your junior year grades are crucial because they are your last chance to influence the GPA and class rank that will be indicated on your college applications and transcripts.
- Reevaluate your high school progress. Make the changes necessary to improve your academic and activity record.
- Think about career plans.
- Obtain dates and locations of college fairs.
- Use NAVIANCE as a tool to help with your research into careers and colleges.
- Plan the next two year's extracurricular and community service activities.
- Join fall school activities, including student government, athletic teams, clubs, plays, and service organizations. Take leadership positions when possible.
- Encourage your parents to attend Back to School Night and meet your teachers and school counselor.
- Register to take the PSAT test which qualifies you to be considered for the National Merit Scholarship program.
- If considering taking courses at colleges or online during your senior year, meet with your counselor to discuss your options. Option 2 paperwork is to be completed and submitted to the Director of Student Personnel Services by October 31.
- **Athletes: Sign an athletic code and provide the medical forms to participate in athletics. This is to be completed each year with seasonal updates.**

OCTOBER

- Prepare for the PSAT by studying their guide and taking practice test on NAVIANCE PrepMe PSAT.
- Take the PSAT exam.
- Develop a list of interests.
- Volunteer for community activities.
- Make an appointment with your school counselor if you have not yet had a meeting this year.
- Review your Progress Report for the first marking period and see your counselor if you are having difficulty.
- Visit the local college and career fairs to continue to explore your options.
- If considering taking courses at colleges or online during your senior year, meet with your counselor to discuss your options. Option 2 paperwork is to be completed and submitted to the Director of Student Personnel Services by October 31.
- Attend Financial Aid presentation at NWR.
- Consider taking the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). This three-hour aptitude assessment can be a very helpful career guidance tool that does not necessarily lead to a military career.
- Study, study, study!!!
- **Athletes: Be sure to accrue the “13 core courses” that are needed to make “Official College Visits” and to qualify for an NCAA Athletic Scholarship.**
- **Athletes: Review a copy of the “Clearinghouse Guide”. Discuss with your coach and parents.**
- **Athletes: Advise your coach that you are interested in playing college sports.**
- **Athletes: Advise your coach of any schools you are interested in attending.**

NOVEMBER

- Meet with your counselor to discuss your post-secondary plans. Request a copy of your transcript so you understand how your high school courses are recorded. Review the transcript carefully to verify its accuracy.
- Develop a college/tech/career file to save important information.
- If planning to attend college, continue studying for the SATs. SAT scores will improve with practice. Take practice SAT tests on NAVIANCE PrepMe SAT.
- Involve your parents in the college choice process.
- Read books, newspapers, and magazines in addition to assigned homework.
- Review your Report Card. See your counselor if you need suggestions, tutoring, etc.
- Put forth your best academic efforts.

DECEMBER

- Use the results of the PSAT exam and materials to begin to develop range of colleges.
- Explore potential careers through reading, searches, interest inventories, and course selection.
- Join winter school activities, including athletic teams, clubs, and service organizations. Take leadership positions when possible.
- Review your Progress Report for the second marking period and see your counselor if you are having difficulty.
- Attend Alumni Day program.

JANUARY

- Rededicate yourself after the winter vacation to achieve better grades. Evaluate your study habits and organization, making changes where necessary.
- Read unassigned newspapers, magazines, and books to expand your knowledge and vocabulary.
- Register for the SAT/ACT exams and possibly the SAT II Subject Tests. Verify if your potential college list includes schools that require the SAT II Subject Tests. Register to take the SAT II Subject tests in May if you are currently taking an Advanced Placement course.
- Take practice SAT tests on NAVIANCE PrepMe SAT and ACT tests on PrepMe ACT.
- Register for the Advanced Placement exams.
- Continue career exploration.
- Plan your senior year courses.
- Prepare for semester exams—colleges look at junior year grades.
- Establish and evaluate your personal college requirements (tuition, location, major, etc) and discuss with parents.
- **Athletes: Meet with your counselor to discuss college entrance requirements and to assure compliance with NJSIAA and NCAA eligibility.**

FEBRUARY

- Begin college search.
- Research interesting and challenging summer courses, jobs, or activities.
- Check deadlines for Advanced Placement tests.
- Continue to use NAVIANCE.
- Review your planned senior year courses with your parents and make final changes if necessary.
- Review your Report Card. See your counselor if you need suggestions, tutoring, etc.

MARCH

- Join spring school activities, including athletic teams, clubs, and service organizations. Take leadership positions when possible.
- Make an appointment to meet with your school counselor for college counseling.
- Complete Collegeboard.com search.
- Email colleges for catalogs, view books, and other information.
- Make a list of colleges you plan to visit. Spring vacation is a good time because most classes are in session.
- Students wishing to attend any of the military academies should contact Senators and Congressmen and obtain an application from the Academies involved.
- Register for the SAT II Subject tests in May if you are currently taking an Advanced Placement course.
- Apply for proposed summer activities.
- Review your Progress Report for the third marking period and see your counselor if you are having difficulty.
- **Athletes: Be sure to accrue the “13 core courses” that are needed to make “Official College Visits” and to qualify for an NCAA Athletic Scholarship.**
- **Athletes: Review a copy of the “Clearinghouse Guide”. Discuss with your coach and parents.**
- **Athletes: Advise your coach that you are interested in playing college sports.**
- **Athletes: Advise your coach of any schools you are interested in attending.**
- **Athletes: Contact prospective coaches to discuss athletics.**

APRIL

- Develop a preliminary list of colleges.
- Request applications and view catalogs.
- File for military academies and ROTC scholarships.
- Begin college visits.
- Explore Early Decision/Early Action options.
- Visit some colleges, career schools, or technical schools over spring break. Call schools in advance and make appointments. VISIT, VISIT, VISIT!!!
- Review your Report Card. See your counselor if you need suggestions, tutoring, etc.

MAY

- Identify teachers whom you may ask to write a letter of recommendation.
- Take AP exams.
- Take SAT I and/or SAT II subject exams.
- Plan for a challenging senior year.
- Review your Progress Report for the fourth marking period and see your counselor if you are having difficulty.

JUNE

- Take SAT I and/or SAT II subject exams.
- Plan thoroughly for your final exams.
- Make plans for the summer. Think about taking a college course, attending a seminar, or volunteering for a career-related activity.
- Submit a tentative copy of your “Brag Sheet” to your counselor. It can always be updated as needed.
- Approach teachers to write letters of recommendations (two are enough). Provide a copy of your resume.
- **Athletes: Submit NCAA Clearinghouse form if you intend to participate in college athletics. <http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net/ncaa/NCAA/common/index.html> Request your transcripts electronically.**

SUMMER

- Begin your summer reading for English class.
- Read non-assigned books, newspapers, and magazines.
- Visit schools on your list. Try to narrow the list to five to seven colleges to which you will apply. Obtain all applications and gather pertinent information on which you will base your final choice. Make careful notes and take pictures as the schools will tend to run together as you visit others.
- Complete application essay.
- Prepare your resume.
- Review for SAT/ACT. Take practice tests on NAVIANCE—PrepMe SAT and PrepMe ACT.
- Keep extracurricular and community service activities going.
- Update your high school “Brag Sheet” (a list of school and community experiences and awards). Plan how you will add to it this summer and in 12th grade.