

Preparing for College

11th Grade

<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commit to do your best work and take the most challenging courses ➤ Make an appointment with your counselor to discuss college options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Register to take PSAT/NMSQT to be considered for the National Merit Scholarship competition ➤ Attend college recruiter meetings ➤ Continue your college search via their websites ➤ Set up accounts with free scholarship/college search websites (www.fastweb.com) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Take PSAT/NMSQT ➤ Compose a list of colleges/universities you want to attend; discuss with parents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Review 2nd semester schedule with your counselor ➤ Utilize collegboard.com and/or act.org to prepare for SAT and ACT ➤ Utilize the FHS website to take practice ACT and SAT tests ➤ Attend College 101 night for parents and students

<i>December</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continue to look for scholarship and financial aid resources ➤ Register to take the SAT/ACT tests ➤ Log onto My College Quickstart at collegboard.com/quickstart to view your online PSAT/NMSQT score report; access your personalized SAT study plan; explore majors and careers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ See your counselor for any PSAT report questions ➤ Begin searching for college/career summer programs, internships and courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Verify your transcript is accurate ➤ Visit college websites ➤ Begin college interest planning; compose a list of possibilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Select your senior classes ➤ Pass the exit level ELA TAKS test

<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>Summer</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Register and study for AP Exams ➤ Pass the exit level math, science, and social studies TAKS test 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ If you have not taken the ACT or SAT test, register for the summer test ➤ Take AP Exams ➤ Create resume, use your portfolio to include awards, honors and talents ➤ Prepare for semester finals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Brainstorm about summer job, volunteering, and internships ➤ Update portfolios and resume ➤ Visit college campuses