



# PATH TO COLLEGE JUNIOR YEAR!

We hope you are ready for an exciting year – there are a lot of steps you can take during your junior year to be ready for college application season in your senior year. This is an overview of your timeline – for detailed steps and support, talk to your counselor and use our “College Book for Juniors” included in this packet. You can find an electronic copy of this book in English and in Spanish here <https://achieve.lausd.net/GPS>

## AUGUST



- Check to see that you're scheduled for the correct A-G courses for Fall.
- Ask your counselor if you need to meet any special requirements – NCAA certification, US Service Academies, portfolios, etc.

## FEBRUARY



- Talk to your family about colleges you're interested in and dreams for your future
- Keep up with your schoolwork and extra-curricular activities (or start a new one)

## SEPTEMBER



- Sign up for college credit concurrent classes at your high school
- Start exploring colleges or universities that interest you - virtual tours are a great way to “visit”

## MARCH



- Attend virtual college fairs, college nights, and reps visits
- Start to narrowing your college choices and find out about any specific requirements

## OCTOBER



- Take the PSAT/NMSQT (Practice PSAT) & use results to help prepare for the Spring SAT/ACT.
- Attend College Night/or College Fairs offered by your school

## APRIL



- Work with your counselor to make sure you have a strong senior year schedule
- Polish your resume – be ready to ask teachers and counselors for recommendations

## NOVEMBER



- Use Naviance to begin working on your Resume/Brag Sheet
- Attend College Night/or College Fairs offered by your school

## MAY



- Keep up your grades and attendance
- Make sure to practice self-care and do things you enjoy – Junior year is hard!

## DECEMBER



- Check to see if you need to take the SAT Subject tests
- Start a file to manage your college search, testing, and application data

## JUNE



- Make the summer count: volunteer, credit recovery, extra-curricular, intern, or work
- Get ready to apply for financial aid by finding the documents you will need to apply

## JANUARY



- Apply for scholarships (check Naviance)
- Research your aid- visit myStudentAid mobile app - it provides tools and details about the financial aid process

## JULY



- Start working on your application essays – the UC and Common App open August 1st
- Apply for your FSA ID (and have your parent/guardian apply too)

For more information on college and career readiness, visit our website at <https://achieve.lausd.net/GPS>

