

COLLEGE TIMELINE

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<https://fhs.myfisd.com/explore-fhs/about-fhs/httpsmyfisdcomhssupport-teams counseling-center>

Grade 8

- ___ Complete SchoolLinks Assessments to explore possible career clusters and pathways
- ___ Consult 8th grade counselor and teachers and review interest inventory results for appropriate course selections
- ___ Choose the most appropriate graduation plan with endorsement for your proposed post-high school endeavors
- ___ Attend Student/Parent programs for high school/college planning

Grade 9 - Freshman Year

- ___ Review your high school program of studies with your parents
- ___ Request college catalogs from colleges of interest to you and plan your high school program of studies accordingly
- ___ Begin researching your career choices and the educational requirements of each
- ___ Participate in a variety of extracurricular activities
- ___ Check out SchoolLinks Career Exploration options
- ___ Meet with college representatives as they visit your school
- ___ Begin building your resume in SchoolLinks

Grade 10 - Sophomore Year

- ___ Check credits to make sure you are on schedule for graduation requirements
- ___ Check to make sure your courses meet college entrance requirements
- ___ Take the PSAT/NMSQT. On the form, check the box which will put you on the mailing list for college information.
- ___ Plan to attend the College and Career Fair during the fall semester
- ___ Explore dual-enrollment college credit and dual credit workforce opportunities
- ___ Meet with college representatives as they visit your school
- ___ Seek ways to develop your leadership skills
- ___ Continue building your resume in SchoolLinks

SPRING OF JUNIOR YEAR

- ___ Review and update SchoolLinks assessments
- ___ Research colleges using SchoolLinks assessment results
- ___ Schedule your two allowed college visits for junior year.
- ___ Meet with college representatives when they are on campus at lunch time.
- ___ Register with NCAA Clearinghouse if you are planning to play college sports.
- ___ Take the SAT and ACT exams.
- ___ Work on your resume in SchoolLinks.
- ___ Work on your Brag Sheet in SchoolLinks.
- ___ Look for volunteer opportunities to include on your resume.
- ___ Create a list of people who you will ask to write a letter of recommendation for you.
- ___ Refer back to handouts and presentations received during counselor junior class visits.
- ___ See your counselor if you have any questions.

SUMMER AFTER JUNIOR YEAR

- ___ Begin Apply Texas application, if applicable.
- ___ Begin Common Application, if applicable, and link to SchoolLinks
- ___ Get started on your college application essays, if applicable.
- ___ Finish your Brag Sheet in SchoolLinks.
- ___ Finish your Resume in SchoolLinks.
- ___ Narrow down your college choices to a few schools.

FALL OF SENIOR YEAR

- ___ Plan to attend the College and Career Fair.
- ___ Meet with college representatives when they are on campus at lunch time.
- ___ Schedule your two allowed college visits for senior year.
- ___ Retake the SAT and ACT, as needed. You will need to send scores to the college(s) you choose through your College Board or ACT account.
- ___ Request letters of recommendation in person, if needed for schools or scholarships. Enter requests in SchoolLinks, Common App, and/or College Portals.
- ___ Order transcripts through SchoolLinks and pay in the Registrar's office for them to be sent.
- ___ Finish and submit all college applications.
- ___ Complete the FAFSA application beginning October 1.
- ___ Begin researching and applying for scholarships. This will be an ongoing process.
- ___ Refer to handouts and presentations from counselor senior class visits.
- ___ See your counselor if you have any questions.

SPRING OF SENIOR YEAR

- ___ Continue to research and apply for scholarships.
- ___ Request mid-year transcripts through SchoolLinks, if needed, and pay in the registrar's office.
- ___ Make the final decision of the college you will be attending.
- ___ Request that your AP test scores be sent to the college that you will be attending, if you have not done so already.
- ___ Report the college you will be attending and all scholarships awarded on the Graduation Survey in SchoolLinks.
- ___ See your counselor if you have any questions.