

College Planning: 4-Year, 2-Year or Technical School

9 th Grade		10 th Grade	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prepare a four-year class schedule with your counselor or advisor and make sure it includes at least the minimum college entrance requirements ○ Commit to doing your best class work. College look at all four years of a student's grades ○ Take advantage of the opportunities high school offers – it will go quickly. Participate in a club, sport and/or activities each year. Keep track of your participation in an Activities Log. ○ Take a career interest inventory ○ Attend the MRHS College Fair in the fall 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue to take challenging classes like honors in preparation for IB ○ Prepare for and take the HSPE ○ Engage yourself in more than just academics – continue to pursue your interests outside of school. Get involved in your community, work or volunteer. Continue to track on your Activities Log. ○ When choosing classes for next year, think about programs that will help you prepare for college and earn college credit, i.e. IB, Tech Prep and Running Start ○ Attend the MRHS College Fair ○ Take the PSAT 	
11 th Grade			12 th Grade
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meet with your counselor to review your high school transcript. Verify that you will meet graduation and college entrance requirements. ○ Take the PSAT in October at MRHS ○ Attend a college fair ○ Start exploring college websites ○ Use an interactive college search like https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org ○ www.checkoutacollege.com to narrow down searches ○ Begin the application process for service academies (West Point, etc). 		Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sign up immediately for the ACT or SAT if you haven't already taken one or if you want to improve your test scores. ○ Meet with your counselor to review your high school transcript. Verify that you will meet graduation and college entrance requirements. ○ Review and begin applying to scholarships posted in the Career Center ○ Work on your admissions essay. Have an adult review your essay. ○ Attend a college fair ○ Gather recommendations if you will need them for your college application. Have a resume or "Personal Data Form" ready and give your teachers at least 3 weeks notice ○ Attend the MRHS "College Application Night"
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sign up to take the Spring ACT (www.act.org) or SAT (www.collegeboard.org) ○ Register on www.thewashboard.org to start receiving information on scholarships 		Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visit the federal financial aid website (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and apply for your PIN (www.pin.ed.gov) ○ Attend the FAFSA/College Goal event at MRHS to assist with your FAFSA application. ○ Fill out your FAFSA by February 1. The FAFSA will be available online on January 1st. ○ Continue to apply for scholarships
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Take the ACT and/or SAT ○ Register with the NCAA if you are planning on playing college sports. See your counselor or Mr. Rawie for more details ○ Arrange college visits to those colleges you are considering ○ Prepare your resume ○ Tour college campuses 		Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Make sure your mid-year reports have been sent to your colleges of choice. ○ Take the Compass Test if you will be attending community or technical college ○ Update FAFSA based on new tax information ○ Compare financial aid offers and make your decision about a school ○ Take IB exams if you are eligible
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Take summer courses, attend camps, work or volunteer your time. Keep track in your Activities Log ○ Begin your Senior Culminating Project 		Summer	<p style="text-align: center;">Take a moment to enjoy graduation. You've earned it!!!</p>