

# Career Planning Guide for High School

This is a career planning guide for high school students.

Consult your school counselors, college advisors, and parents/guardians for more information.

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	Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer
<b>Freshman Year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade Level Testing</li> <li>Research next year's courses</li> <li>Identify your passions, interests, personality, and strengths (See <b>Lead with CAREER, MONEY will Follow</b> eBook)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade Level Testing</li> <li>Prepare for PSAT</li> <li>Apply for summer camps/enrichments</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discuss college financial planning w/ parents &amp; guardians</li> <li>Volunteer and/or get a job and start to save money (See <b>Money, Math, and other things we fear</b> eBook)</li> </ul>
<b>Sophomore Year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade Level Testing</li> <li>Take ASVAB (military career)</li> <li>Take the pre-ACT (October)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade Level Testing</li> <li>Attend college fairs and/or informational sessions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore college entrance requirements</li> <li>Explore careers</li> <li>Volunteer and/or get a job</li> </ul>
<b>Junior Year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade Level Testing</li> <li>Take the PSAT (October)</li> <li>Confirm HS graduation requirements from counselors</li> <li>Take ASVAB (military career)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade Level Testing</li> <li>Make a list of colleges</li> <li>Explore majors for your career</li> <li>Take SAT and/or ACT</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make a list of potential references for colleges and scholarships</li> <li>Volunteer and/or get a job</li> </ul>
<b>Senior Year</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade Level Testing</li> <li>Apply to colleges &amp; FASFA (Early Round)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grade Level Testing</li> <li>Apply to colleges &amp; FASFA (Regular Round)</li> <li>Apply for scholarships</li> <li>Notify college of acceptance (May 1)</li> <li>Take AP exams</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submit final transcript to your college</li> </ul>

Sources:

<https://www.cfn.org/plan-your-future/>

<https://www.nacacnet.org/>

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