

## 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Timeline for Post Secondary Planning

### Fall/Winter of 10<sup>th</sup> Grade

- Take the PSAT at TSA in 10<sup>th</sup> grade
- Learn about Technical and Career Centers nearby and see if they could be a good fit for you. Students usually apply in winter/spring of 10<sup>th</sup> grade.
- If interested in playing varsity sports in college, create an account on NCAA.
- If interested in playing varsity sports in college, keep video footage and statistics of athletic accomplishments.
- If interested in playing sports in college, reach out to potential college coaches with statistics so they have the option to see you play in games during 11<sup>th</sup> grade.
- If interested in playing varsity sports in college, meet with TSA's athletic director to discuss your ability and interests
- If you enjoy art, attend a portfolio day locally or in Boston to get feedback on your work and your portfolio. It can be an important tool as you apply to college.
- Complete your school work to the best of your ability.
- Talk to your advisor about your interests and brainstorm some opportunities with him/her.

### Spring/Summer of 10<sup>th</sup> grade

- Prepare your 11<sup>th</sup> grade schedule so that you know how you will complete the standards for graduation.
- Learn about Flexible Pathways such as dual enrollment and Dartmouth classes and think about how/if you want to incorporate them into your 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade schedule.
- Learn about Flexible Pathway enrichment programs such as Governors Institute Vermont, summer camps, summer coursework on college campuses.
- Have a conversation with your parents about how to pay for college. Will your parents be contributing any money for college?
- Become familiar with the price of college by completing a Net Price Calculator on any college website.
- Make sure your families' money is in the right place/ talk to your bank or financial advisor.
- Get a summer job

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall

- College fair in Burlington: TSA takes all juniors and seniors to the annual [NEACAC](#) College Fair
- PSAT/NMSQT test administered at TSA in October.
- Visit with college representatives who come to TSA. The schedule is posted as it is developed. See [Naviance](#) for details.

### 11<sup>th</sup> Grade January - March

- Attend Junior Seminar with Ellen Bagnato during Monday advisory, where you will start college searches and learn many of the details of the post-secondary planning process.

- Schedule and participate in a 20 – 30 minute “interview” with Ellen so that she can get to know you and your interests. This is part of your grade for Junior Seminar.
- Be sure to complete Junior Seminar assignments that require parent/guardian participation such as: transcript review and Net Price Calculator.
- Register for spring [SAT](#) and/or [ACT](#) testing.
- Create a list of colleges in which you might be interested on Naviance.
- Organize college information and brochures.
- Visit a few colleges, ideally during February or April break. Please note: these do not need to be colleges in which you are interested. Rather, it is better if the schools you visit first are ones in which you are not interested. Schedule interviews with admissions personnel if it is a school you are interested in.
- Identify standardized test requirements for the schools in which you are interested.
- Register for a summer standardized test as needed. It is recommended that you take a standardized test two times before November of senior year.
- Consider if you will take any SAT Subject tests. Do not take ANY SAT Subject Test without specific test preparation.
- Art, Music, Writing and Theatre students should organize pieces for their portfolio.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade April - June**

- Review admissions process expectations for the colleges you are interested in.
- Update the list of “colleges I am thinking about” on Naviance.

### **Summer between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

- If you have done all the steps above, take a step back and don’t stress over the college application process. Enjoy your summer by working, traveling, and/or having fun.
- In August, consider starting your Common Application at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- In August, begin to work on your personal statement/college essay.
- Students interested in art and writing should work on their portfolio.
- Students interested in theatre and music should consider audition pieces and register for auditions.