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The Path to College Year-by-Year Calendar

Academics Standardized Tests College & Financial Planning Personal Growth				
Month	9th grade	10th grade	11th grade	12th grade
June - July	Keep or Get your mind sharp	READ!!! - just one article a day Keep or get your mind sharp Fill in any knowledge gaps Retake classes with low grades	READ!!! - just one article a day Keep or get your mind sharp Fill in any knowledge gaps Retake classes with low grades Prep for SAT/ACT	Gather materials for applications Prepare essays Prep for any additional testing Retake classes with low grades
Aug Sept.	Attend orientation meetingsBegin 9th gradeExplore what high school has to offer	Update College Filebox Complete FAFSA4Caster	Plan SAT/ACT/Subject Test schedule & Prep Complete FAFSA4Caster Update College Filebox	Visit college & career center Register at school for College Rep meetings
October	Start attending college fairs Hone your interests - explore!!	Option to take PSAT	Option to take PSAT/NMSQT	SAT or Subject Test Complete early decision or early action application
November				Complete UC application Complete CSU application SAT or Subject Test
December	Get help in classes with < B	Get help in classes with < B	Get help in classes with < B	Get help in classes with < B
January	Prepare for finals Get great semester grades!	Prepare for finals Get great semester grades!	Prepare for finals Get great semester grades! SAT	Prepare for finals Get great semester grades! Complete FAFSA application
February	Get help in classes with < B Register for College-Prep courses for next year (A-G requirements)	Get help in classes with < B Register for College-Prep courses for next year (A-G requirements) Take the CAHSEE	Get help in classes with < B Register for College-Prep courses for next year (A-G requirements)	
March	Start your College Filebox Visit your college & career center		• SAT	Complete FAFSA application
April	Check out SMC's College Fair	Check out SMC's College Fair Visit colleges during spring break	 Visit colleges during spring break ACT Star/EAP testing	
May - June	Prepare for finals Get great semester grades!	Prepare for finals Get great semester grades! AP Test	 SAT and/or Subject Test AP Test Prepare for finals Get great semester grades! 	UC Intent to register dueOrder transcriptsGet great semester grades!AP Test