



Planning for the future is always a wise idea. Even as students enter high school as freshmen, they are encouraged to make choices and follow steps during all four years of high school that will best equip them for their goals after graduation. Considering the fact that there are over 3600 colleges in the United States and that there is a wide range of admissions qualifications and deadlines, three different timelines have been developed to suggest pathways to colleges with varying levels of admissions competitiveness:

1. 2-year community colleges and 4-year colleges with a high rate of acceptance
2. Colleges with more competitive standards for admissions
3. Colleges that are the most competitive in their selection process.

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2-year Community Colleges and 4-year Colleges with a High Rate of Acceptance

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Also, some 4-year colleges have admissions standards that are very accepting. They generally accept over 50% of the students who apply. Metropolitan State College in Denver, Western State College in Gunnison, Fort Lewis College in Durango are examples of these colleges in Colorado. Keep in mind that there may be very different acceptance rates hidden within the average, for in-state versus out-of-state applicants. Therefore, an out-of-state state university may be more difficult to get into than it first appears.

The following timeline with blue shading suggests a pathway for entrance into these colleges. For more information about all the colleges in Colorado, come and visit the Post-Grad Center in the Library or link to:
<http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/Academics/Colleges/default.html>

Competitive College and Universities

Many colleges are more selective in their admissions standards and have a more competitive set of qualifications. They generally accept 25 to 50% of the students who apply and usually require students to take more classes than are required to graduate from the Boulder Valley School District. For example, the University of California campuses require a full year of visual and performing arts coursework, and many colleges require various levels of foreign language classes. The timeline with yellow shading suggests a plan that will help students prepare to apply and be competitive for these colleges:

Very Competitive Colleges and Universities

The most selective colleges are much more demanding in terms of choice of classes in high school, grades, standardized test scores (ACT and SAT), résumés, recommendation letters, essays, and possible interviews. For these, all four years of high school classes and activities are important. These colleges generally accept 10 to 30% of the students who apply. The timeline with green shading suggests important choices that will help equip students to be prepared for the most competitive colleges.

2-year Colleges and Colleges with High Acceptance Rates

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Aug.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet Link Leader • Explore extracurricular activities and sports that interest you • Many fall extracurricular activities start in mid-August. Check with coaches or activity sponsor. • Get familiar with the Fairview campus • Establish good study habits • Choose new friends wisely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore new extracurricular opportunities • Many fall extracurricular activities start in mid-August. Check with coaches or activity sponsor. • Update your Fairview profile/résumé 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register and prepare for the October PSAT which also serves as the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test • Consider preparation for the fall SAT and/or ACT. All juniors will take the ACT at Fairview in April. See Tips-TestSchedules. • Many fall extracurricular activities start in mid-August. Check with coaches or activity sponsor. • Update your Fairview profile/résumé 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If retaking the SAT or ACT, register and study for the fall administrations of these tests • Many fall extracurricular activities start in mid-August. Check with coaches or activity sponsor. • Update your Fairview profile/résumé • College applications are available on college websites. Work on completing the application forms and/or the Common Application. • See Credible College Reviews • Complete the recommendation letter input forms that you picked up from your counselor in May. See College Application Process and Student Self-Assessment documents. • Ask your parents to complete the Parental Insight Sheet that you picked up from your counselor in May. • Improve your chances of acceptance by applying early. • If you haven't already done so, apply for a stipend with the Colorado Opportunity Fund at https://cof.college-assist.org

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Sep.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start 4-year plan • Athletes: Check NCAA Eligibility Center for academic eligibility requirements • Start FHS Student Profile • Attend FHS activities to discover new opportunities • Participate in extra-curricular activities that interest you. • Fill out Fairview profile/résumé • Go to class – making up missed assignments and credits is time-consuming. • Visit Student Achievement Center (SAC) for homework help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider registering for and taking the October PSAT • Attend college rep visits on off-periods • Review 4-year plan. Make sure you are registered for courses that will satisfy both BVSD requirements for graduation and college admission requirements. • Athletes: Check NCAA Eligibility Center for academic eligibility requirements • Stay involved and develop your interests • Continue to build good study habits • Get help in the SAC, if needed • Register for the PSAT in the counseling office and prepare for the exam. • Start a list of potential colleges. See Composing Your List of Colleges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review your four-year plan. Make sure you are registered for courses that will satisfy BVSD requirements for graduation and college requirements. Questions? See your counselor or stop by the Post-Graduate Planning Center. • Athletes: Check NCAA Eligibility Center for academic eligibility requirements • Register for the PSAT in the counseling office and prepare for the exam. • Use 3-day weekends and holidays to visit college campuses. See College Campus Visits. • Narrow your list of colleges. See Composing Your List of Colleges. • Stay involved in FHS activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review your four-year plan. Make sure you are registered for courses that will satisfy BVSD requirements for graduation and college requirements. Questions? See your counselor or stop by the Post-Graduate Planning Center. • Athletes: Check NCAA Eligibility Center for academic eligibility requirements • Study for SAT & ACT if taking this fall • Finalize your list of colleges. See Composing Your List of Colleges. • Improve your chances of admission – Apply early • College applications are available on college websites. Complete the application forms and/or the Common Application. • See Credible College Reviews • Use 3-day weekends and holidays to visit college campuses. See College Campus Visits. • Recommendation Information forms for counselors are required one month before letters of recommendation are due. See College Application Process and Student Self-Assessment. • Stay involved in FHS activities • Enjoy your Sr. year – but grades, through graduation, count! • If you haven't already done so, apply for a stipend with the Colorado Opportunity Fund at https://cof.college-assist.org

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Oct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider attending college representative visits during off-periods. Get permission from the counseling office. Get involved - attend sports events, plays, concerts, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take the PSAT Take interest and personality surveys in the Post-Grad Center. See Search For Self. Investigate college information available in the Post-Grad Center Attend college representative visits during free periods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take the PSAT Plan to take the SAT during your junior year and any SAT IIs in June. All juniors will take the ACT in April Attend college representative visits Attend college fairs offered in Denver and Boulder Use 3-day weekends and holidays to visit college campuses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take or retake ACT, SAT or SAT II tests as required. Continue working on your college applications. Pay close attention to college deadlines Attend college representative visits Attend college fairs offered in Denver and Boulder Use 3-day weekends and holidays to visit college campuses Apply for scholarships – (Oct – Apr)
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Dec.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy the holiday break! • Finish projects. Begin studying for finals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick up PSAT results from the Post-Grad Center • Enjoy the holiday break! • Finish projects. Begin studying for finals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick up PSAT results from the Post-Grad Center • Use 3-day weekends and holidays to visit college campuses • Enjoy the holiday break • Finish projects. Begin studying for finals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take or retake ACT, SAT or SAT II tests as required. • Use 3-day weekends and holidays to visit college campuses. • Continue working on your college applications. • Pay close attention to college deadlines • Complete the FAFSA application and be ready to submit it as early in January as possible. The earlier your application, the higher your chances of maximizing financial aid. • Apply for scholarships – (Oct – Apr) • Finish projects. Begin studying for finals.
Jan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study for finals • Revisit your 4-year plan • Investigate summer program opportunities . Popular programs fill up early. See Summer Opportunities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study for finals • Revisit your 4-year plan • Investigate summer program opportunities. Popular programs fill up early. See Summer Opportunities • If you are taking an advanced AP course, register for the AP exams in that subject 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study for finals • Revisit your 4-year plan • Investigate summer program opportunities. Popular programs fill up early See Summer Opportunities • If you are taking an advanced AP course, register for the AP exams in that subject 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study for finals • Application deadlines for many colleges are still open through late spring or summer. Visit the Post-Grad Center or talk to your counselor. • Complete your FAFSA application and submit it as soon as possible after January 1st. Early applicants have a better chance at financial assistance. • If you are taking an advanced AP course, register for the AP exams in that subject
Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare to register for next year's courses. Be sure you are familiar with new BVSD graduation requirements and those of colleges you might be interested in attending. • Register for next year's courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare to register for next year's courses. Be sure you are familiar with new BVSD graduation requirements and those of colleges you might be interested in attending. • Register for next year's courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare to register for next year's courses. Be sure you are familiar with new BVSD graduation requirements and those of colleges you might be interested in attending. • Register for next year's courses • ACT and SAT preparation materials can be found in the Student Achievement Center (SAC). Remember that all juniors take the ACT in April. • Register for the SAT and/or ACT 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are still scholarships available with application deadlines in February, March and April. • Make sure that your colleges have everything that they need.

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Mar.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on grades and interests • Take CSAP scores seriously. Timed testing is good practice for SATs and ACTs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on grades and interests • Take CSAP scores seriously. Timed testing is good practice for SATs and ACTs. • Investigate college information available in the Post-Grad Center • Spring Break is a good time for college visits. • Visit the Student Achievement Center and see what it has to offer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on grades and interests • Investigate college information available in the Post-Grad Center • Spring Break is a good time for college visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't get "senioritis". Keep your grades up. Final college acceptance is contingent on your final Fairview transcript. • Make sure that your colleges have everything that they need. • Spring Break is a good time for a college visit before making a final decision.
Apr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make decisions about summer plans • Think about your school involvement. Do you need to make a change? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make decisions about summer plans • Think about your school involvement. Do you need to make a change? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make decisions about summer plans • Think about your school involvement. Do you need to make a change? • Take the ACT and do well on it. Results of the ACT taken at Fairview will appear on your official Fairview transcript that will be sent to colleges. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • College decisions need to be made by May 1st. • Visit the Post-Grad Center or talk to your counselor. They have information about college financing, what college life will be like, what to take, making housing choices, etc. • If you are considering taking time off before attending college, use your time wisely. Talk to your counselor about possibilities.

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May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study for finals (all semester grades appear on transcripts) • Confirm summer plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volunteerism ○ Jobs ○ Clubs, hobbies ○ Check in the Post-Grad Planning Center for other opportunities ○ See Summer Opportunities • Need a summer course? • Update your Fairview profile/résumé 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study for finals (all semester grades appear on transcripts) • Take AP and IB tests • Confirm summer plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volunteerism ○ Jobs ○ Clubs, hobbies ○ Check in the Post-Grad Planning Center for other opportunities ○ See Summer Opportunities • Need a summer course? • Update your Fairview profile/résumé 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junior grades are more important. Study for finals. • Confirm summer plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volunteerism ○ Jobs ○ Clubs, hobbies ○ Check in the Post-Grad Planning Center for other opportunities ○ See Summer Opportunities • Need a summer course? • Update your Fairview profile/résumé • Take AP and IB tests • Take the SAT or plan to take it in June • Visit the Post-Grad Planning Center to begin compiling list of possible colleges. See Composing Your List of Colleges • Make an appointment to meet with your counselor. Pick up copies of the Parent Brag Letter, Recommendation Information forms for teachers and counselors. • Athletes: File the NCAA Clearinghouse form. Register online at NCAA Eligibility Center Online. Fairview's school code is 060-118. Visit the counselor's office and arrange to have an official transcript (\$2 fee) sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades are still important. College will see your final transcript. Study for finals. • Take AP and IB tests • Visit the counselor's office and complete the senior form. Report final college choice to counselor. • Final graduation checklist • Meet college deadlines • Order final transcript to be mailed to your college or university. • Make summer plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Volunteerism ○ Jobs ○ Clubs, hobbies ○ Check in the Post-Grad Planning Center for other opportunities ○ See Summer Opportunities • Update your Fairview profile/résumé. You'll need this for college and summer employment résumés. • It's not too late. There are still colleges taking applications for next fall. • Attend final Fairview events: Prom, Banquets, Awards Night, Concerts, graduation rehearsal & BBQ, graduation!

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June & July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set aside time for recreation and self-reflection. What makes you special? What are your goals for next year? What are your career interests? See Search For Self • Read • Volunteerism • Jobs • Visit campuses. See Campus Visits • Make constructive use of your time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set aside time for recreation and self-reflection. What makes you special? What are your goals for next year? What are your career interests? See Search For Self • Read • Volunteerism • Jobs • Visit campuses. See Campus Visits • Make constructive use of your time • Academic / Arts camps • Summer school? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Athletes: File the NCAA Clearinghouse form. Register online at NCAA Eligibility Center Online. Fairview's school code is 060-118. Visit the counselor's office and arrange to have an official transcript (\$2 fee) sent to the NCAA Clearinghouse. • Set aside time for recreation and self-reflection. What makes you special? What are your goals for next year? What are your career interests? See Search For Self • Read • Volunteerism • Jobs • Visit campuses. See Campus Visits • Make constructive use of your time • Academic / Arts camps • Summer school? • Take the SAT • Begin looking for scholarships • Practice college essays. See College Essay • Some college applications are available on college websites. Get copies of their application forms and the Common Application. • Visit http://FinAid.org for information on estimated eligibility. • Develop a list of teachers and others whom you may want to ask to write recommendation letters. 	

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Nov.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarter report cards - Keep your grades up. Freshman grades are important! Challenge yourself - try the Pre-IB program or Advanced Placement courses. Discuss these options with your teachers. Registration decisions need to be made in February. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarter report cards - Keep grades up Use 3-day weekends and holidays to visit college campuses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarter report cards - Keep grades up Use 3-day weekends and holidays to visit college campuses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarter report cards - Keep grades up Take or retake ACT, SAT or SAT II tests as required. Use 3-day weekends and holidays to visit college campuses Continue working on your college applications. Pay close attention to college deadlines Parents and students should apply for PIN numbers to be used for online submission of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you and your parents haven't already done so, get familiar with the FAFSA and CSS Profile forms that will be required for most student aid. Start collecting required data. Do you need a college interview? Be sure to get it scheduled. See College Interview Apply for scholarships – (Oct – Apr)

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Feb.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare to register for next year's courses. Be sure you are familiar with new BVSD graduation requirements and those of colleges you might be interested in attending. • Register for next year's courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare to register for next year's courses. Be sure you are familiar with new BVSD graduation requirements and those of colleges you might be interested in attending. • Register for next year's courses • Register for SAT II subject tests if you are currently taking the highest level class for that subject. • If you are considering a spring break college visit, read the Tips - College Campus Visits document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare to register for next year's courses. Be sure you are familiar with new BVSD graduation requirements and those of colleges you might be interested in attending. • Register for next year's courses • ACT and SAT preparation materials can be found in the Student Achievement Center (SAC). Remember that all juniors take the ACT in April. • Register for the SAT, SAT IIs and/or ACT • If you are considering a spring break college visit, read the Tips - College Campus Visits document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are still scholarships available with application deadlines in February, March and April. • Make sure that your colleges have everything that they need. • If you are considering a spring break college visit, read the Tips - College Campus Visits document.

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Very Competitive Colleges and Universities

The most selective colleges are much more demanding in terms of choice of classes in high school, grades, standardized test scores (ACT and SAT), résumés, recommendation letters, essays, and possible interviews. For these, all four years of high school classes and activities are important. These colleges generally accept 10 to 30% of the students who apply. The following timeline suggests important choices that will help equip students to be competitive for the most competitive colleges.

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Aug.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of registration procedures for fall semester • Meet with your Link Leader • Get familiar with the Fairview campus • Explore extra-curricular activities and sports that interest you • Many fall extracurricular activities start in mid-August. Check with coaches or activity sponsor. • Establish good study habits • Choose new friends wisely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of registration procedures for fall semester • Prepare for the PSAT - Junior-level PSAT is used for qualifying for the National Merit Scholarship. Taking the PSAT as a sophomore is a good opportunity for practicing standardized test-taking. • Many fall extracurricular activities start in mid-August. Check with coaches or activity sponsor. • Update your Fairview profile/résumé 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be aware of registration procedures for fall semester • Prepare for the PSAT - Junior-level PSAT is used for qualifying for the National Merit Scholarship • Develop a schedule with registration and test dates for when you plan to take the ACT, SAT and SAT II tests during your junior year. All juniors will take the ACT at Fairview in April. See Test Schedules • Many fall extracurricular activities start in mid-August. Check with coaches or activity sponsor. • Update your Fairview profile/résumé • There are several scholarships for which juniors are eligible. See www.fastweb.com or the Post Graduate Center website Scholarship Page. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update your Fairview profile/résumé • Be aware of registration procedures for fall semester • Many fall extracurricular activities start in mid-August. Check with coaches or activity sponsor. • Review ACT, SAT and SAT II scores and plan to study for and to retake these tests in the fall, if necessary. • College applications are available on college websites. Work on completing the application forms and/or the Common Application. • See Credible College Reviews • Ask your parents to complete the Parental Insight Sheet that you picked up from your counselor in May. • Improve your chances of acceptance by applying early. • If you are applying early to one or more schools, make sure that you contact teachers and counselors who will be writing your letters of recommendation at least one month before the college deadlines. The sooner the better. These will be due as early as mid-September. • Fill out the Recommendation Information forms for counselors reflecting your involvement at Fairview. See College Application Process and Student Self-Assessment. • Fill out the Recommendation Information forms for teachers that reflect your class participation and interest. • If you haven't already done so, apply for a stipend with the Colorado Opportunity Fund at https://cof.college-assist.org

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Sep.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four-year involvement is important. Participate in extra-curricular activities that interest you. Visit the Post-Graduate Center for ideas • Athletes: Check NCAA Eligibility Center for academic eligibility requirements • Start your Fairview profile/résumé • Take advantage of the Link Leader program – Get your questions answered! • Get involved - attend sports events, plays, concerts, etc. • Go to class – making up missed assignments and credits is time-consuming. • Familiarize yourself with the PSAT format • Visit the Student Achievement Center (SAC) for homework help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review your four-year plan. Make sure you are registered for courses that will satisfy both BVSD requirements for graduation and college admission requirements. Many colleges have additional requirements for Language Arts, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, etc. Questions? See your counselor or stop by the Post-Graduate Planning Center. • Athletes: Check NCAA Eligibility Center for academic eligibility requirements • Stay involved in activities that develop your interests. • Look for opportunities to express yourself in leadership, community service, fine arts, athletics, academic/research and creativity • Continue to build good study habits • Get help in the SAC, if needed • Register for the PSAT in the counseling office and prepare for the exam. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review your four-year plan. Make sure you are registered for courses that will satisfy BVSD requirements for graduation and college requirements. Many colleges have additional requirements for Language Arts, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, etc. Questions? See your counselor or stop by the Post-Graduate Planning Center. • Athletes: Check NCAA Eligibility Center for academic eligibility requirements • Challenge yourself - take IB and AP classes. • Junior year is especially important. Stay serious about your grades. Get help if you need it. • Continue to look for opportunities to express yourself in leadership, community service, fine arts, athletics academic/research and creativity • Stay involved in FHS activities. • Register for the PSAT in the counseling office and prepare for the exam. • Use 3-day weekends and holidays to visit college campuses. See College Campus Visits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review your four-year plan. Make sure you are registered for courses that will satisfy BVSD requirements for graduation and college requirements. Many colleges have additional requirements for Language Arts, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, etc. Questions? See your counselor or stop by the Post-Graduate Planning Center. • Athletes: Check NCAA Eligibility Center for academic eligibility requirements • Challenge yourself - take IB/AP classes. • Grades still count through graduation. Do your best. • Stay involved in FHS activities • Use 3-day weekends and holidays to visit college campuses. See College Campus Visits • College applications are available on college websites. Work on completing the application forms and/or the Common Application. • See Credible College Reviews • Pay close attention to college deadlines • Contact teachers & counselors for letters of recommendation at least one month before the college deadlines. If you are applying early to one or more schools, this is especially important. The sooner the better. Give them the completed input sheets and Parental Insight Sheet. See TeacherRecLetterReqts.pdf and Student Self-Assessment • Order an official copy of your FHS transcript. Check both sides for accuracy. This is what will be sent to colleges that you apply to. • If you are applying early, you may need to complete the CSS Profile form to be considered for financial assistance. Check college requirements & deadlines. • Review your ACT and SAT scores. Do you need to retake either of these tests? Be sure to get registered. Link to ACT. http://www.actstudent.org/regist/ Link to SAT http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/reg.html • If you haven't already done so, apply for a stipend with the Colorado Opportunity Fund at https://cof.college-assist.org

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Oct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider attending college representative visits during off-periods. Get permission from the counseling office. Get involved - attend sports events, plays, concerts, etc. Visit your counselor and start your four-year plan. Make sure you are registered for courses that will satisfy both BVSD and college requirements. Questions? See your counselor or stop by the Post-Graduate Planning Center. Have you considered the IB Diploma or the Advanced Placement program? Check with the IB coordinator and counselors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take the PSAT Take interest and personality surveys in the Post-Grad Center. See Search For Self Investigate college information available in the Post-Grad Center Attend college representative visits during free periods 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take the PSAT Attend college representative visits Attend college fairs offered in Denver and Boulder Use 3-day weekends and holidays to visit college campuses. See College Campus Visits Register for IB exams. All exam registrations will be reported to colleges 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take or retake ACT, SAT or SAT II tests as required. Use 3-day weekends and holidays to visit college campuses. See College Campus Visits Continue working on your college applications. Pay close attention to college deadlines Attend college representative visits Attend college fairs offered in Denver and Boulder Register for IB exams. All exam registrations will be reported to colleges Apply for scholarships – (Oct – Apr)
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