



Freshmen Year

Fall: August – December

- Find activities (clubs, sports) to get involved and explore your interests
 - Focus more on the **QUALITY** of your involvement, not the quantity of activities you're in
- Set academic goals for each semester
- Make an appointment with your school counselor so they can get to know you.
- Register for AP Tests (if applicable)
- Review the [Program Planning Guide](#) to assist with future course selection
 - Look at all options, including [Dual Credit](#) & [TCD](#)
- Start thinking about your 4-Year Plan

Winter: January – February

- Continue to make academics a priority
- Use SchoolLinks to explore careers & colleges
 - [College Search Tool](#) (And [Understanding Scattergrams](#))
 - [Planning Assessments / Interest Inventories](#)
- Enter your course selection into SchoolLinks
 - Afterward, meet with your counselor for Course Verification

Spring: March – May

- Take the PACT 8/9
 - This will help prepare you for the ACT you will take during Junior Year
- Finish Freshmen Year strong!
 - Grades = Money in the eyes of colleges

Summer: June – July

- If you're going somewhere over the summer, consider stopping by a college campus
 - [On-Campus Visit Tips](#) are also available
- Make sure that your [Student Profile in SchoolLinks](#) is up-to-date
- Looking for something to do over the summer? Consider getting a part-time job, volunteering, or attending a pre-college program.