

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE PLANNING SCHEDULE

FRESHMAN YEAR

- Make studying your number-one priority. Participate in extra-curricular activities and begin crafting your resume.
- Work to your potential because the grades that you earn become part of your Grade Point Average (GPA). Remember your performance in class now counts toward what colleges will review.
- Make your summer “significant”. Consider collegiate summer programs, a part-time job, volunteer work, enrichment opportunities.
- When on vacation, drive through and walk around college campuses just to get the feel of a large school, small school, private school, public school, or different types of campuses, etc.

SOPHOMORE YEAR

- Continue to work to your full potential.
- Be a self-advocate, attend tutorials and do not let yourself fall behind in your classes. Meet with teachers, when needed, to review course work, tests, and other academic work to learn from your performance.
- Begin to consider the various types of colleges available and the types of programs that they offer.
- Use the results of the PSAT to determine strengths and weaknesses in writing, verbal, and math skills.
- Begin to visit colleges informally whenever you are near or during a family trip or vacation. Make your summer “significant”. Summer experiences are invaluable for personal growth and add depth to a resume.
- Take the SAT and ACT in the spring of your sophomore year.

JUNIOR YEAR

- Focus firmly on grades. This is the last year to acquire a strong GPA for college admissions applications next fall.
- Use the 11th grade PSAT as a baseline score from which to prep for next spring’s SAT’s and ACT’s. PSAT scores can be used as SAT predictors within approximate ranges. They can also indicate areas of strength and weaknesses that students can work on before taking the first SAT and ACT during the latter part of the junior year.
- Apply in early September for special test accommodations if you regularly use them in class and need them for the PSAT, ACT or SAT.
- Attend College Fairs in your area. Talk to college representatives and establish contact with schools of interest to you. They can eventually be your “best friends” at the college admission selection table when applications are being reviewed.
- Get online and review specific course requirements for admission at colleges of interest to you. You’ll be better prepared to select appropriate senior-year courses if you do this research early.
- Take the SAT and/or the ACT in the fall. Take SAT II’s at the end of your junior year if necessary.
- Continue to develop your resume. Consider running for leadership positions during your senior year.
- Ask teachers for recommendation letters before the end of the school year.
- Visit college campuses. Begin to narrow down choices.

SENIOR YEAR

- Make your summer “significant”. Consider internships, enrichment programs on college campuses, work experiences, etc.
- Sign up for the SAT, ACT, or SAT II’s. Continue test prep if appropriate.
- Make plans to visit college campuses of interest to you early in the fall semester.

- Attend the senior meetings throughout the school year and meet all the deadlines established by your cover school.
- Become aware of application deadlines.
- Research financial aid and scholarship opportunities and processes at the colleges you are attending and in general. Meet application deadlines.
- Finish the year strong. College admission is based on “successful completion of high school”.

COLLEGE RESOURCES

- The College Board (SAT) www.collegeboard.com
- ACT www.act.org
- Under Grad Zone www.undergradzone.com
- Free ACT Prep and other tests www.4tests.com
- Making It Count www.makingcollegecount.com
- Careers and Colleges www.careersandcolleges.com
- The Princeton Review www.princetonreview.com
- Peterson’s Guide www.petersons.com
- College Net www.collegenet.com
- College view www.collegeview.com
- Any College www.anycollege.net
- Federal Student Aid www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Fastweb Private Scholarships www.fastweb.com
- Scholarships.com www.scholarships.com
- Scholarships www.citizens.scholarship-fondation.org
- Financial Aid www.finaid.org
- Federal Student Aid www.studentaid.ed.gov
- College is Possible www.collegeispossible.org
- College Opportunities Online www.nces.ed.gov
- College and Scholarship Opportunities www.cappex.org

Colleges in the Southeast (Click on link to go to college’s website.)

Alabama

[Alabama A & M](#)
[Alabama Southern Community College](#)
[Alabama State University](#)
[Athens State University](#)
[Auburn University](#)
[Auburn University Montgomery](#)
[Birmingham Southern College](#)
[Bishop State Community College](#)
[Jefferson Davis Community College](#)
[Enterprise-Ozark Community College](#)

Georgia

[Agnes Scott College](#)
[Berry College](#)
[Emory University](#)
[Georgia Institute of Technology](#)
[Georgia State University](#)
[Oglethorpe University](#)
[Spellman College](#)
[University of Georgia](#)
[Wesleyan College](#)

[James H. Faulkner State Comm. College](#)
[Faulkner University](#)
[Huntingdon college](#)
[Jacksonville State University](#)
[Jefferson State Community College](#)
[Judson College](#)
[Lawson State Community College](#)
[Marion Military Institute](#)
[Reid State Technical College](#)
[Samford University](#)
[Shelton State Community College](#)
[Southern Union State Community College](#)
[Spring Hill College](#)
[Stillman College](#)
[Troy State University](#)
[Troy State University Dothan](#)
[Troy State University Montgomery](#)
[Tuskegee University](#)
[United States Sports Academy](#)
[University of Alabama](#)
[University of Alabama Birmingham](#)
[University of Alabama in Huntsville](#)
[University of Mobile](#)
[University of Montevallo](#)
[University of North Alabama](#)
[University of South Alabama](#)
[University of West Alabama](#)
[Wallace Community College](#)
[Lurleen B. Wallace Community College](#)

Mississippi

[Belhaven College](#)
[Delta State University](#)
[Jackson State University](#)
[Jones County Junior College](#)
[Meridian Community College](#)
[Millsaps College](#)
[Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College](#)
[Mississippi State University](#)
[Mississippi University for Women](#)
[University of Mississippi](#)
[University of Southern Mississippi](#)
[William Carey College](#)

Florida

[Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University](#)
[Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University](#)
[Florida State University](#)
[Pensacola Junior College](#)
[Ringling School of Art & Design](#)
[University of Florida](#)
[University of North Florida](#)
[University of South Florida](#)
[University of West Florida](#)

Tennessee

[Belmont University](#)
[East Tennessee State University](#)
[Middle Tennessee State University](#)
[Rhodes College](#)
[Tennessee State University](#)
[University of Memphis](#)
[University of Tennessee – Chattanooga](#)
[University of Tennessee – Knoxville](#)
[University of Tennessee – Martin](#)
[University of the South](#)
[Vanderbilt University](#)

Louisiana

[Grambling State University](#)
[Louisiana State University & Agricultural & Mechanical College](#)
[LSU – Alexandria](#)
[LSU – Shreveport](#)
[Loyola University New Orleans](#)
[Tulane University](#)
[Xavier University](#)
