



# Family Tree Private School

## Preparing for College / Vocation

Highschool graduation prepares your student to successfully enter college or vocational training. A vocation (an occupation to which a person is especially drawn or for which they are suited, trained or qualified) requires an individual to develop non-academic skills and expertise. Academic colleges require different preparation. Below is a list of some important events to prepare for college.

### **FRESHMEN - 9th Grade**

1. Map out your high school graduation plan by developing your Five-Year Plan.
2. Select challenging high school courses. Remember that upper math classes will help you succeed on SAT/ACT tests. Many scholarships and colleges have 2-year language requirements, as well as community service requirements.
3. Choose your extra-curricular and service activities carefully.
4. Visit college fairs. Begin contacting colleges for information.

**TESTS** - You may take the PSAT, SAT/ACT/PLAN test(s) this year. It is good to do tests early to know weak areas on which to work. You can retake the test the next time it is offered to improve your score.

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### **SOPHOMORES - 10th Grade**

1. Continue to contact schools for information.
2. Have people who teach or work with students write recommendation letters.
3. Develop good study habits!

**TESTS** - You may take the SAT/ACT test(s) this year.

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### **JUNIORS - 11th Grade**

1. Continue to develop good study habits.
2. Study SAT/ACT prep materials (see links on [www.familytreeprivateschool.com](http://www.familytreeprivateschool.com))
3. Continue gathering college and scholarship information. Many scholarships must be applied for in the Junior year. Contact College Admissions offices.

**TESTS** - It is time to take the PSAT/NMSQT or SAT Exam. Your score this year will be used for scholarship consideration the next year.

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### **SENIORS - 12th Grade**

1. Visit colleges and meet with college representatives.
2. Fill out state or federal financial aid forms before the 2nd semester.
3. Fill out admission forms for the college you plan to attend EARLY.
4. Plan for participating in graduation ceremonies, etc. EARLY.

**TESTS** Re-take SAT/ACT test(s) if you want to improve your score. Colleges will take the best score of each section on each test to qualify the student for admissions.

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