

Timeline for Grades 9-11

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Choose challenging high school courses

- The courses you take in high school show colleges what kind of goals you set for yourself. Sign up for advanced classes, honors sections, AP or IB classes.
- Choose electives that really stretch your mind and help you develop new abilities.
- Research academic coursework required by colleges and universities of interest.

Create a file for your records

- Keep your academic records and lists of awards, honors, and activities at school and in the community.
- Participate in extracurricular activities, academic programs, summer camps and workshops.
- Build your college resume.

Start thinking about the colleges you want to attend

- Create list of colleges and universities in which you are interested.
- Gather information about the colleges from their Web sites.
- Request brochures and applications.
- Visit colleges and talk with admissions staff, sit in on classes, meet college students, and take campus tours.

Prepare for standardized testing

- Sign up and prepare for the [PSAT](#), the [SAT](#) and/or the [ACT](#).
- Answer the [ACT Question of the Day](#) and the [SAT Question of the Day](#).

Begin to research financial aid and scholarship sources

- Ask your counselor about scholarship opportunities.
- Check out these online search sites:
 - [FastWeb](#)
 - [Merit Aid](#)
 - [College Board](#)
- Visit www.mississippi.edu to check out Mississippi scholarships and financial aid.
- Search college Web sites for their college scholarship and financial aid requirements and deadlines