

College Planning Timeline

Sophomore Year

- Get involved with IMSA activities.
- Join the College and Academic Counseling (CAC) Facebook Group, IMSA CAC Connect.
- Attend Sophomore Seminar with the CACs (October, November, and December)
- Find a community service activity that fits you.
- Register to use Naviance and start exploring colleges.
- Encourage your family to participate in the IMSA webinar “The PACs Guide to Navigating Naviance with the CACs” (November).
- Consider your interests, abilities, and values as you explore your post-secondary educational options.
- Consider your IMSA grades as you explore college admission statistics on Naviance.
- Take PSAT10 (April)
- Find a summer activity to enrich your academic experiences, or get a summer job.
- Start populating your resume with activities, awards, etc., on Naviance.
- Consider visiting college campuses in the summer.

Junior Year

- Take the PSAT/National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test (October).
- Encourage your family to participate in the IMSA webinar “Standardized Test: Which Ones to Take?” (November).
- Encourage your family to participate in the IMSA webinar “College Admissions 101” (December).
- Attend College Selection Meeting (December).
- Research colleges on Naviance and start building a list of colleges matching your academic profile and interests.
- Complete and submit college documents to your CAC (December-January).
- Encourage your family to participate in the IMSA webinar “How to Choose a College You Can Afford” (January).
- Meet with your CAC and parents for the Family College Conference to discuss your college list (January-April).
- Research colleges suggested by your CAC.

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- Take the ACT or SAT (second semester).
- Attend IMSA College Day and gather information from college admissions representatives (April).
- Continue to research colleges and finalize your college list (June-August).
- Attend events for prospective students held by individual colleges and universities (June-August).
- Write a draft of the common application essay (June-August).
- Submit college application plan (August)

Senior year

- Meet with your CAC to organize your college list by due dates and priorities (September-October).
- Retake ACT/SAT (first semester).
- Submit transcript requests and teacher recommendations on Naviance.
- Work with your CAC on finalizing your college essays, resume, etc.
- Sign up for college interviews (if applicable).
- Attend college presentations during the IMSA Fall College Visits Program (September – October).
- Submit your college and scholarship applications on time.
- Share your college admissions decisions with your CAC.
- Deposit to one college by May 1.
- Attend Post-Secondary Decision Day on May 1.
- Attend IMSA Senior Celebration (May).