

Four Year Time Line For Students

Freshman Year:

- Become involved in extracurricular activities
- Take the PSAT 8/9 in October
- Take the Interest Profiler and Learning Style Inventory available on Naviance.
- Identify careers that are personally interesting and the preparation requirement.
- Review results from PSAT 8/9.
- Begin developing a resume/activities list.
- Select classes for sophomore year and review the four year plan for high school course selection.

Sophomore Year:

- Continue to explore extracurricular activities/community service opportunities.
- Take the PSAT in October.
- Take the Multiple Intelligences Advantage and Career Cluster Finder available on Naviance.
- Explore additional careers of interest and career preparation requirements.
- Consider job shadowing opportunities.
- Begin exploring and/or visiting colleges to gather information on admission requirements.
- Review results of PSAT
- Review the four year course plan and select classes for junior year.

Junior Year:

- Maintain commitment to extracurricular activities and community service
- Prepare a list of questions to ask college recruiters.
- Attend the Catholic College Fair at Mercy High School.
- Consider attending the Omaha Area College Fair at UNO.
- Schedule to meet with college representative who visit Mercy High School.
- Prepare for and take the PSAT/NMSQT.
- Explore college options with the Supermatch college search on Naviance.
- Complete the Do What You Are and the Strengths Explore on Naviance.
- Review the results of the PSAT/NMSQT.
- Update your resume.
- Begin researching college costs and financial aid.
- Prepare for and take the ACT or SAT in the spring.
- Plan your schedule of college visits

- Begin searching for financial aid and scholarship opportunities.
- Review your four year course plan and select classes for senior year.

Senior Year:

- Prepare for the ACT or SAT in September, October and/or December. Make certain score reports are sent directly to the colleges receiving applications.
- Attend college fairs.
- Finalize college selections and meet with Guidance Counselor to discuss application process.
- Request a letter of recommendation from teachers if required for applications.
- Prepare a personal statement and/or essays for applications if required.
- Update your resume.
- Meet with college representatives.
- Complete the FAFSA between October and March.
- Arrange for campus visits.
- Review application deadlines and submit applications.
- Identify and apply for financial aid and scholarship opportunities.
- Review your options and make your selection.
- Prepare for final exams.
- Submit your final transcript request.