

College Planning Timeline

Sophomore Year

- Get involved with IMSA activities.
- Find a community service activity that fits you.
- Encourage your parents to participate in the IMSA webinar "Financial Planning for College" (September).
- Join the CAC Facebook Group, IMSA CAC Connect.
- Register to use Naviance/Naviance Student and start exploring colleges (December).
- 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/Family Connection.
- Take PSAT10 (March)
- Explore summer opportunities on Naviance/Naviance Student and attend a summer program to enrich your experiences.
- Start populating your resume on Naviance/Naviance Student with activities, awards, etc.
- Consider visiting college campuses in the summer.

Junior Year

- Take the PSAT/National Merit Scholar Qualifying Test (October).
- Continue to research colleges on Naviance and start building a list of colleges that match your academic profile and your interests.
- Attend College Selection Meeting (December).
- Complete and submit college documents to your CAC (January).
- Encourage your parents to participate in the IMSA webinar "How to Choose a College You Can Afford" (January).
- Meet with your CAC for the Family College Conference to discuss your college list (February-April).
- Research colleges suggested by your CAC.
- Take SAT or ACT and SAT subject tests (if needed) (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).

Senior year

- Meet with your CAC to organize your college list by due dates and priorities (September-October).
- Encourage your parents to participate in the IMSA webinar, "FAFSA completion, line by line" (October).
- Retake SAT/ACT if needed and take the SAT subject tests if needed (first semester).
- Submit transcript requests and teacher recommendations on Naviance/Family Connection.
- 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.
- Regularly communicate to your CAC about your college admissions decisions.
- Encourage your parents to participate in the IMSA webinar "How to Compare Financial Aid Packages" (April).
- Deposit to one college by May 1.
- Attend National College Declaration Day on May 1.
- Attend IMSA Senior Celebration in the CAC office (May).