



## College Counseling 4-Year Road Map

### 9th Grade

*Goal: Take your time to transition into the Flintridge Prep community. Remember, grades count!*

1. Acclimate to the high school schedule.
2. Get to know your teachers.
3. Explore the numerous student organizations and athletic teams on campus.
4. Outline a study routine and establish a plan to manage your time.
5. Keep a portfolio of honors/awards received.

### 10th Grade

*Goal: Hone in on the academic and social areas you find interesting. Remember, grades count!*

1. Continue to develop relationships with your teachers.
2. Focus on expanding your academic interests.
3. Strengthen your involvement with a student organization and/or an athletic team. Keep in mind, the level of involvement is important, not the number of activities.
4. Pursue leadership opportunities on campus.
5. Make any necessary adjustments to your study routine and outline a time management schedule.
6. Meet with Mr. Rodriguez, the 10<sup>th</sup> grade dean, with any questions or concerns.

### 10th Grade (Cont.)

#### *Athletes and Artists*

You are welcome to meet with a college counselor to begin outlining your college search process.

#### *Course Scheduling*

The Sophomore Retreat allows for one-on-one conversations tailored toward 11th grade scheduling with faculty and college counselors.

#### *Summer Plans*

Consider enrolling in a summer program to deepen your academic interests. Don't forget to save time to have fun with friends and family!

#### *Testing*

- PSAT: the results will not be used for college admission but intended to expose you to the test format.
- Sophomores may take the biology Subject Test. Generally, students in Biology Honors should take Biology-M, and regular Biology should take Biology-E.
- If you are in Pre-calculus or higher in math, speak to your math teacher about taking the Math2 Subject Test.
- There is no reason to take the SAT or ACT as a sophomore.
- Contact Mrs. Jodie Hare, Sophomore liaison, with any questions.



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### 11th Grade

*Goal: Focus on excelling in your academic coursework*

1. Maintain a balanced schedule that allows you to enjoy extra-curricular activities, along with academic responsibilities.
2. Remain academically engaged with your teachers.
3. Focus on your course work and in performing to the best of your ability.
4. Pursue leadership opportunities within your sport, service organization or club.

#### *Artists*

Begin working on your portfolio and/or identify college audition requirements.

#### *Athletics*

Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center.

#### *College Counseling*

- Junior College Night is held in late-November and launches the college search and application process.
- Juniors are assigned a college counselor shortly after Junior College Night.
- Students and parents are given access to Naviance.
- Weekly college counseling classes begin early spring.
- Families attend Case Studies program in April.

#### *Course Scheduling*

Scheduling conversations will take place in the spring led by Mr. Frost. You will have time to discuss your course selections with your college counselor, teachers, and parents.

#### *Summer Plans*

Juniors will be given access to Naviance in November in order to begin searching through the Summer Program Database. We encourage Juniors to enroll in an academic summer program or pursue an internship opportunity that will deepen their academic interests. Your college counselor will discuss summer options with you in the spring.

The College Counseling Office hosts an optional college essay writing boot camp in late May/early June.

#### *Testing*

- PSAT: Offered in the fall, these scores may qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship Competition or the National Achievement or National Hispanic Scholars Program.
- Register to sit for the SAT or ACT in March.
- Register for SAT Subject Exams to be taken in June after you've met with your college counselor.

### 12th Grade

The college application process is in full swing! Students continue weekly college counseling classes and follow a strategic plan with their college counselor.