College Prep, Timeline & Financing for 9th grade P/G’s
Counseling Department

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Fall Recap

› Helping students thrive and find success at Peak to Peak

› Snapshot of changing college landscape

› Indigo
Tonight’s Agenda

› High School Timeline
› “Post” Covid Admissions Landscape
› Peak to Peak Data and Lessons Learned
› Funding College with Mark Debord
College Preparation Calendar

Freshman Year

Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec  Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun
Develop a summer reading list
Hone up on math skills
Take classes that will challenge you
Explore different passions and interests
Start strong, maintain a high GPA
Set goals for next three years
Create a summer plan

Sophomore Year

Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec  Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun
Make outside of school reading list
Summer school to catch up or get ahead
Plan to get into honors and AP classes. Find out if you need certain grades, or if there are entrance tests.
PSAT
Extracurriculars
Build a testing timeline
AP exams, SAT Subject Tests
Create a summer plan

Junior Year

Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec  Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun
Summer ACT/SAT test prep
Summer school to catch up or get ahead
SAT/ACT Testing
Extracurriculars
Start on recommendation letters
AP exams, SAT Subject Tests
Create a summer plan

Senior Year

Jul  Aug  Sep  Oct  Nov  Dec  Jan  Feb  Mar  Apr  May  Jun
College tours
Last chance for SAT/ACT Testing
Applications, college visits, application essays
Acceptance Letters
AP exams, SAT Subject Tests
Scholarship essays
P2P Counseling Curriculum- Students

9th grade Spring: Indigo, Course Registration, CU Boulder Visit and PSAT 9

10th grade: College Day, Introduction to College Fit lessons, career fit, PSAT 10, college field trip, Case Studies, college financing

11th grade: College Day, College Research Seminar, Strong Interest Inventory, Junior Meeting, college field trip, SAT

12th grade: Senior Boot Camp, Senior Meeting, College Day
9th grade Spring: Welcome to high school, Intro. to College - Fit/Funding

10th grade: Understanding What Colleges Want (Sept.), College Day P/G sessions, Case Studies (April)

11th grade: Junior Parent Night (Sept.), College Day P/G sessions, Junior College Kick-off, Junior Meeting

12th grade: Senior Parent Night (Sept.), FAFSA/CSS Profile sessions, College Day P/G sessions, Senior Meeting, Transition to College Night
What your child should do now...with your help!

- Take care of themselves, good sleep, nourishing food, screen time, friends, and healthy relationships
- Work on grades, set goals, 10th grade course schedule
- Prepare for and take finals/ AP Exam?
- Submit any community service hours on X2 Vol
- **GENUINE** Productive Summer (camps, sports, exploration, summer programs, community service, work)
- Minimize stress about college
- Visit any college campuses while on trips, vacations, or long drives!
Advice from Current 10th Graders

- Expand your interests, try new clubs, actually go to clubs meetings
- Get involved in the school
- Sleep > Homework
- Don’t procrastinate, utilize study hall, use planner and lists
- Reach out to counselors and teachers if stressed
- Have time to do things with friends, take care of health and social life
- Grades aren’t everything, just try your best
- Don’t be afraid to go outside your friend group and make new friends, be yourself
100% of Peak to Peak Students are Accepted in to a college of their choice!

Our goal is to partner with you so you know in advance whether student’s schools of choice are best fit and affordable options.
College Planning at Peak to Peak

College Fit + Financing = Finishing
Fit Factors

- Location
  - Athletics, Activities, theater, music
- Campus Size & Setting
- Class size
- Selectivity level/academic challenge
- Social atmosphere and/or Greek life
- Public, Private, Religious
- Majors available
- Cost
What has changed in the last 12-24 months and where are we now?

- 1800+ Colleges Test optional for 23-24...important to keep an eye on (changes all the time)
- 20-50% increase in application numbers across the board
- Big name schools. & Ivy’s apps up appx 20,000
- Computer Science and Engineering extremely competitive
- Keep an open mind in researching schools
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College Class of 2027 Numbers

Columbia University - 2,246/57,129
Duke 2,148/44,489
Yale 2,275/52,250
Boston University 8,612/80,484
NYU - 120,000
UCSB - 111,861 apps
UCSD 130,830 apps
UCLA - 145,882 apps
70% of Schools Accept 70% (or more) of Applicants
4 Ways To Pay For College

Out of Pocket
Need Based Aid
Merit Based Aid
Student Loans
College Financing Vocabulary

FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Student Aid Index (Expected Family Contribution no more)

COA - Cost of Attendance (tuition, fees, room/board, books, transportation)

Net Price Calculator - On each college’s website; predicts the personal COA

CSS Profile - Additional financial aid document for about 300 selective schools
Yearly Costs of Attendance (16 cr/sem)
(2022-23 data)
Includes Room & Board, Tuition & Fees; does not include books, personal expenses or transportation ($1500-$4000) CO
Schools include COF

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Lessons Learned

Do NOT say or plan on “we will figure it out”

Lack of transparency from adult to student

No to “lots of outside scholarships to cover the gap”

Not relying on loans, MAX 5500-8000 per year

Visit and discuss realistic colleges ($$$$ and selectivity)

Relationship with school counselor