

College Planning Calendar

Congratulations on beginning the college journey!

As you begin the winding road to college, we are here for you. Be it in-person or virtual, we remain dedicated to providing students and families with free and valuable information about the college planning process.



Time

At School & On Your Own

With Granite Edvance

FRESHMAN YEAR

Throughout the Year

- Get involved: join clubs, music groups, or sports
- Talk with your school counselor about your goals
- Consider NH Scholars program (nhscholars.org)
- Make a college resume you can add to each year
- Start exploring careers: think about a summer college or enrichment program

Early College Planning Presentations
(in person or webinar)

Aptitude Assessment &
Career Exploration Appointments

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Throughout the Year

- Consider Career and Technical Education, Dual Enrollment classes, Extended Learning Opportunities, and AP classes
- Keep talking with your school counselor about goals and interests
- Start studying for the SAT/ACT
- Continue exploring careers: think about a summer college or enrichment program
- Add new activities to your resume

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JUNIOR YEAR

Fall

- Take the PSAT/Pre-ACT
- Attend college fairs
- Consider Career and Technical Education, Dual Enrollment classes, Extended Learning Opportunities, and AP classes

College Planning Appointments

Financial Aid Preview Appointments

Winter

- Keep studying for the SAT/ACT
- Research colleges and start making your list

College Planning Appointments

Financial Aid Preview Appointments

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JUNIOR YEAR, cont.		
Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Take the SAT/ACT Attend college fairs Visit college campuses or take virtual tours Athletes: Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center Art/music students: research and work on portfolios Ask your school counselor and two teachers for letters of recommendation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College Planning Appointments Applying to College 101 Appointments Financial Aid Preview Appointments Destination College Event
Rising Senior Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit college campuses or view virtual tours and information sessions Begin finalizing college list Start your Common App and essay (opens August 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Essay Prep Sessions Summer Webinars Common App Assistance Appointments
SENIOR YEAR		
Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retake SAT/ACT Attend any final college fairs and tours Visit with college representatives at your high school Finalize college list Finish college essay Finish and submit early applications Apply for financial aid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Aid Presentations ApplyNH Events at Participating Schools FAFSA Filing Appointments
Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish and submit applications to regular decision schools Research and apply for scholarships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAFSA Filing Appointments
Spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review college acceptance letters and financial offers Attend Admitted Students' Day(s) Pay deposit to chosen school (by May 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FAFSA Filing Appointments Reviewing Financial Aid Offers Appointments
Summer Before College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attend orientation Research and choose private loans and PLUS loans Complete entrance counseling Apply for work-study job (if offered) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer Webinars Granite Edvance Private Loan Appointments

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