



COUNSELING CALENDAR

You face a challenging year as a JUNIOR. You have more difficult courses requiring your study time, you are probably involved in activities ranging from sports to student government to drama productions, and you need to start planning for where you want to be after high school.

This 11th Grade Calendar should help you be aware of important activities that will help you do well in your Junior year and begin making plans for the future. The calendar does not include sporting events or extracurricular activities, for the focus is on counseling concerns, such as graduation status, grade reports and college planning events. You are encouraged to keep this calendar in your notebook.

SEPTEMBER

- Courses may be added if space is available during the first 10 days of school
- Check in the [College/Career Center](#) to see what college representatives will be visiting your high school. It is not too early to begin talking with college persons about your plans.
- Encourage your parents to attend Back-To-School night.

OCTOBER

- Progress reports will be mailed in early October.
- You should sign up in the [Counseling Office/Career Center for the PSAT/NMSQT test](#). This test will prepare you for the [SATI](#) test you should take next spring and may also qualify you for a [National Merit Scholarship](#). This test is given only once a year.
- Encourage your parents to attend College Planning Awareness Night at your high school when counselors will talk about the factors involved in college planning. Format and date vary at each school.
- Visit the College/Career Center and find out about part-time jobs, tutors, college representatives, college requirements, career interest surveys, college entrance exam and career information.
- Note the class drop deadline date is the last day of the first quarter. Any course dropped after that date will be recorded as an "F" on your permanent record.

NOVEMBER

- First quarter grades will be mailed home in early November.
- Attend college representative meetings that are held in the College/Career Center.
- Try one of the college search computer programs in the College/Career Center.
- Consider scheduling a trip to [visit colleges](#) during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

DECEMBER

- Progress reports, if any, will be mailed in early December.
- Visit colleges you are interested in during a vacation trip.
- Check out a college catalog or video from the College/Career Center.

JANUARY

- Prepare to take your first semester examinations.
- If you must make a program change or add a course for the second semester, this should be done by the end of the first semester, certainly no later than the first week of the second semester.
- Attend the Financial Aid Night at [Las Lomas High School](#) which presents information about grants, loans, scholarships, and work programs in college. You should become aware of the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#), which is required by colleges when you apply for financial aid. It is not too soon to begin thinking about the costs of going to college.

FEBRUARY

- First semester grades will be mailed in early February.
- Begin making plans for your Senior year. You need to select your 12th grade courses carefully, so you will complete the high school graduation requirements and meet the requirements for admission to college. You may want to take an ROP course which develops vocational skills. Your counselor can help you consider courses for next year.
- Progress reports will be mailed in late February.
- Check out information on summer and foreign exchange programs in the College/Career Center.
- Complete a [University of California eligibility worksheet](#) or [California State University eligibility worksheet](#) to see what you must do to be eligible for admission.

MARCH

- Make course selections for 12th grade. Read the course material, discuss educational goals with your parents and check your own graduation requirements. The choices you make in your course selections for next year are the basis for long-term goals.
- Attend the Career Night at Miramonte HS and listen to speakers representing a wide range of career opportunities.
- You should take the [SATI, SATII and ACT tests](#) this spring if you plan to go to college. [Check online](#) or in the Counseling Office or College/Career Center for the exact dates of these tests. You need to register about five weeks before the test date.
- Check with your Advanced Placement class teacher about signing up for the AP exams in May.
- Check with the College/Career Center about sending for college information. Request information via the internet, postcard or letter.

APRIL

- Note class drop deadline is the last day of the third quarter. Any class which is dropped after the end of the third quarter will be recorded as an "F" on your permanent record.
- Third quarter grades will be mailed in mid April. Use this grade report to help you with decisions about next year's program. Check with your teachers for recommendations for next year's courses.
- Invite your parents to attend Open House. Students and parents have a chance to see what has been accomplished during the school year. It is also a time to explore new electives, to see what students are doing in other areas.
- Find out about [Summer School](#). Are there school requirements you wish to complete there? Are there electives or interest areas you can't fit into your regular school year?

MAY

- Plan to attend the [College Fair at St. Mary's College](#) where you may talk with representatives from over 180 public and independent colleges.
- Complete any applications required for summer school. Finalize your summer plans.
- Progress reports, if any, will be mailed in early May.
- Check in the College/Career Center for summer jobs. Find out about any other youth employment agencies. Are there applications to fill out?
- Plan to take the [SATI test](#).

JUNE

- Prepare to take semester finals. **FINALS MAY NOT BE TAKEN IN ADVANCE. BE SURE TO CONSIDER THIS FACT WHEN MAKING VACATION PLANS.**
- Second semester grades will be mailed early in the summer.
- Consider making a summer trip to visit colleges in order to talk with admissions persons and tour the campus with student guides.
- Talk with your senior friends about what they plan to do next September and ask them how they made their decision concerning colleges and career.
- Plan to take the [SATII](#) test if you are thinking about applying to a [University of California campus](#).