



COUNSELING CALENDAR

You face a challenging year as a SENIOR. You have courses requiring your study time, you are probably involved in activities ranging from football to journalism to musical productions, and you are facing the task of planning where you will be next year.

This 12th Grade Calendar should help you be aware of important activities that will help you do well in your Senior year and make plans for the future. The calendar does not include sporting events or extra-curricular activities, for the focus is on counseling concerns, such as graduation status, grade reports, application deadlines, financial aid forms and college planning events. You are encouraged to keep this calendar in your notebook.

SEPTEMBER

- Sign up in the [College/Career Center](#) to meet with college representatives.
- Check your "Graduation Status" so you will satisfy all the courses, credits and testing requirements.
- Courses may be added if space is available during the first 10 days of school.
- Make a list of the college characteristics that are important to you. This procedure will help in selecting a college. Begin planning for college expenses involving tuition, room, board, books and travel.
- Check the college catalogs in the College/Career Center for information about colleges.
- Take the necessary entrance exams for colleges. [Registration for SATI, SATII and ACT is available online](#) and in the College/Career Center. Register for the tests NOW.
- Complete a [University of California eligibility worksheet](#) or [California State University eligibility worksheet](#) to see what you must do to be eligible for admission.
- Check the Follow-up Study for the previous graduating classes which shows where last year's graduates attend college...available in the College/Career Center.
- Download [Independent College's](#) applications or request them via mail or phone. These are NOT available at the high school.
- Check on scholarships every week in the College/Career Center. In addition, it is possible to download applications from the computer.

OCTOBER

- Progress Reports will be mailed in early October.
- Encourage your parents to attend College Planning Awareness Night at your high school when counselors will talk about the factors involved in college planning.
- Visit the websites of the [University of California](#) and [California State Universities](#) to download applications or pick them up in the College/Career Center.
- The priority filing period for [California State Universities](#) is October 1 through November 30. Apply online for most campuses.
- Check bulletin announcements to see when college representatives are coming.
- Note the class drop deadline date is the last day of the first quarter. Any class dropped after that date will be recorded as an "F" on your permanent record.
- Check with your counselor about early admission and early decision applications to [Independent Colleges](#).

NOVEMBER

- First quarter grades will be mailed in early November.
- November is the month to apply to the [University of California](#). Applications are available online and in the College/Career Center.
- If your college requires a [counselor](#) and [teacher](#) recommendation, you should download and complete these [Letter of Recommendation Guidelines Forms](#). Please give the required information to your recommendation writer at least two weeks before any deadline. These forms are also available in the College/Career Center.
- Check on college housing opportunities and what forms must be completed to give you information.
- Login online and send your [SATI, SATII](#) and [ACT](#) test scores to the colleges or use the score request form that is available in the College/Career Center.

DECEMBER

- Progress reports, if any, will be mailed in early December.
- Check the deadlines for your independent college applications; some colleges require the application in December.
- If you are applying for financial aid you should complete the following applications online: [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#); [Profile](#); [GPA Verification Form \(California Grant program\)](#). These forms are also available in the College/Career Center.

JANUARY

- Prepare well for your first semester exams for many colleges want to look at your Senior grades.
- Ask the Registrar in the Counseling Office to send your high school transcript including your first semester grades to the colleges requiring a seventh semester transcript.
- Attend the Financial Aid Night at [Las Lomas High School](#) which presents information about grants, loans, scholarships and work programs in college.
- If you are applying for financial aid, you should carefully check the deadline for submitting the forms required by your college.

FEBRUARY

- First semester grades will be mailed in early February.
- Check your graduation status with your first semester grades and credits to make sure that you are signed up for the proper second semester courses.
- Progress reports will be mailed in late February.
- Be sure your financial aid applications have been submitted before the deadline.

MARCH

- Check on special programs at the community colleges which require testing and interviews. Sign up for any Advanced Placement exams you wish to take in May.
- Contact the Counseling Office and College/Career Center for local scholarships available to you.
- Attend the Career Night at [Miramonte High School](#) and listen to speakers representing a wide range of career opportunities.

APRIL

- Note class drop deadline is the last day of the 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 during April.
- Parents and students attend the [Diablo Valley College](#) Night at [Campolindo](#) or [Las Lomas](#) High Schools.
- You should hear from all colleges where you applied for admission by mid April, which gives you two weeks before you must make your final decision about where you plan to attend college.

MAY

- Submit your completed community college application to [DVC](#) or your other chosen [Community College](#).
- Let the colleges know by May 1 whether you are going to accept the offer of admission.
- Notify the Counseling Office concerning any honors or scholarships you have received so you may be included in the Awards program.
- Progress reports, if any, will be mailed in early May.
- If you are taking any Advanced Placement exams, be sure to prepare well. Your scores may earn you college credit.

JUNE

- Do a good job on your second semester exams.
- Second semester grades will be mailed early in the summer.
- Ask the Registrar to send your final 8th semester transcript to the college you will attend.
- Take some time to thank your parents, teachers and friends for all the support they have given to you during high school.

**GOOD LUCK WITH ALL YOUR PLANS FOR THIS YEAR
AND NEXT YEAR!**