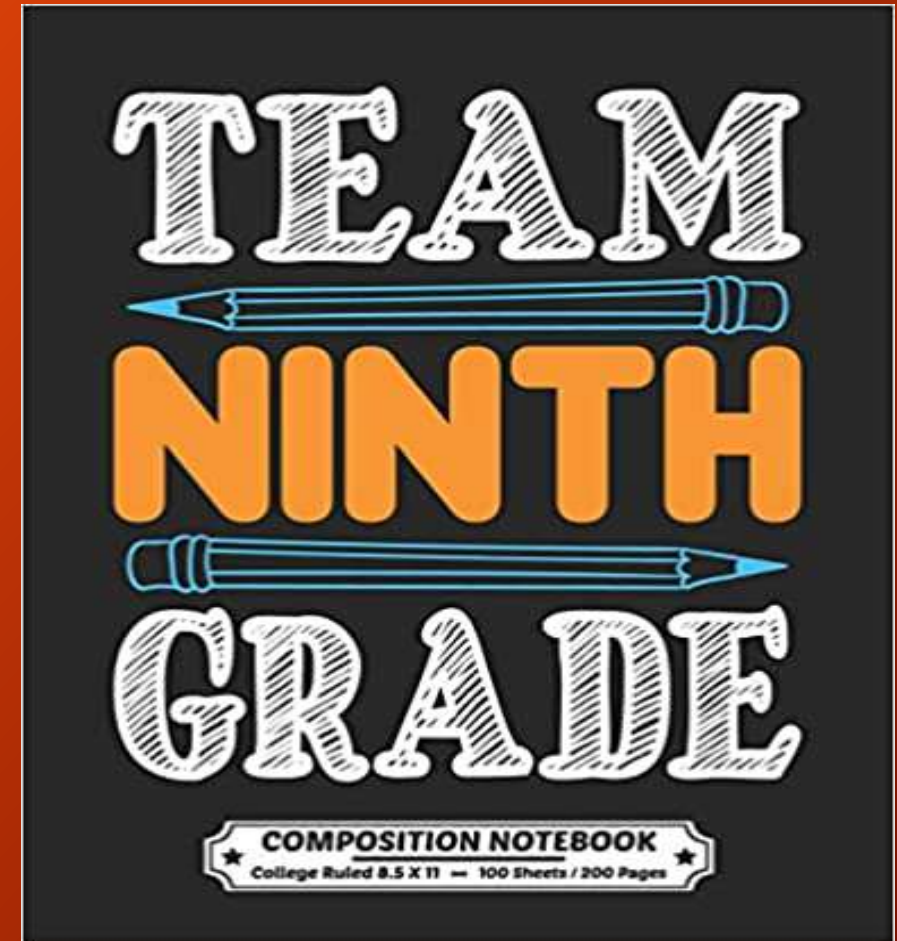


ORANGE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

College Timeline: Students & Parents



FRESHMAN YEAR COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

We have prepared the following planning timeline to help make it easier for you to remember deadline while navigating the exciting process of college/trade school/military exploration and admission. The timeline should provide helpful outline of the important steps you will need to complete over the course of your freshman year in high school. Your school counselors will always be there to support you !

AUGUST

- **Extracurricular activities** – Involve yourself in extracurricular activities you will learn more about yourself.
- **High School** - Talk to your parents/guardians about your goals for high school and beyond.

SEPTMEBER

- **High School Plan** - Think about what you'd like to accomplish in the next four years (academics, sports, clubs etc.).
- **Levels of High School courses** - Make sure you have an understanding the level of courses (AP, Honors and General)
- **ACT/SAT** – Start studying for the ACT/SAT test it will help with school admission.

OCTOBER

- **College Requirements and Admissions** — Start exploring the college admission requirements so you have a better understanding what is required.
- **Extracurricular activities** — It's important to get involved in your school and your community. Extracurricular activities will help enhance your college and scholarship applications.
- **Discussion with parents/guardian** — Have a conversation with your parent/guardian about your progress over the last school year. What have you learned about yourself? Possible career interest and goals? (Naviance)

NOVEMBER

- **Financial Aid** - Research with your family/guardian financial aid that will assist in covering college cost. The U.S. Department of Education's Funding Your Education (about federal aid programs).
- **College list** – Develop a list of 8 – 10 colleges that you are interested in visiting and attending.
- **College Fairs (Virtual College Fairs)** – Most colleges and universities host college fairs and campus through out the school year. Virtual college fairs are held through out the school year but it is very important that you visit the college campuses.

DECEMBER & JANUARY

- **College and/or virtual fairs** – Please visit your college choices for upcoming college campus visit and virtual tours.
- **Extracurricular activities** – If you have not joined a club or sports team find one that may interest you it will help with your personal resume.
- **School Counselor - Check-In** with your school counselor about colleges and upcoming programs.
- **Naviance** – Research college admissions and requirements that best matches your academic track record.

FEBRUARY & MARCH

- **School Counselor -** Check-In with your school counselor about colleges and upcoming programs.
- **Mid-Year Transcript** – Colleges may request for your mid-year transcript.
- **ACT/SAT** – Continue studying for the ACT/SAT.
- **College Visits** – Review your list of schools and continue reviewing which schools are a best fit for you.

APRIL MAY & JUNE

- **College Search** - Continue to research top 8 to 10 schools.
- **Scholarship** - Continue investigating scholarship sources.
- **ACT/SAT** - Study for the ACT and/or SAT test
- **Summer employment** - Finalize summer plans .
- **Money** - Begin saving money from your summer job for college.