

# 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and College Bound Planning Calendar

## September

- ✓ Meet with your Consultant to review course plan for the semester/year.
- ✓ Clarify your college and career plans; explore our Career and Exploration link for career planning, college, and scholarship/financial aid search  
<http://www.gsdacademy.com>
- ✓ Attend FREE ACT/SAT, financial aid and college fairs. Visit the <http://sandiegocalsoap.com/> website and click onto Events Calendar.
- ✓ Make sure your high school classes meet college entrance requirements
- ✓ Get involved in school activities
- ✓ Find your Social Security Number; you'll need it for college applications
- ✓ Register for the ACT at <http://www.actstudent.org>
- ✓ Visit the following websites and register for practice tests for the ACT <http://www.actstudent.org> and the PSAT [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- ✓ Complete your career plan guideway and meet with your consultant to review results.

## October

- ✓ Attend local college & career functions
- ✓ Read "Preparing for the ACT" @ [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) and the "PSAT Bulletin" @ [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- ✓ Visit the following websites for practice tests for the ACT <http://www.actstudent.org> and the PSAT [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
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## November

- ✓ Explore college opportunities by visiting & attending college night programs. Visit the <http://sandiegocalsoap.com/> website and click onto Events Calendar.
- ✓ Ask parents and other adults about college options
- ✓ Study, study, & study -- Your GPA may determine what college you attend.
- ✓ Register for the ACT or SAT I AND the SAT II if you are interested in attending a 4-year college or university. Check into specific testing requirements for the schools you are interested in.
- ✓ Complete your career plan guideway and meet with your consultant to review results.

## December

- ✓ Review your Practice ACT and/or PSAT scores with your consultant.
- ✓ Visit the following websites and read "Taking the Test" <http://www.actstudent.org> and "Taking the SAT" [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- ✓ Begin talking to other high school graduates regarding college life.
- ✓ Complete your career plan guideway and meet with your consultant to review results.

## January

- ✓ Continue exploring your career options: explore our Career and Exploration link for career planning, college and scholarship/financial aid search <http://www.gsdacademy.com>
- ✓ Attend FREE ACT/SAT, financial aid and college fairs. Visit the <http://sandiegocalsoap.com/> website and click onto Events Calendar.
- ✓ Study, study, & study -- Your GPA may determine what college you attend.
- ✓ Plan and take the SAT I, SAT II or the ACT if required by your colleges of interest.
- ✓ Complete your career plan guideway and meet with your consultant to review results.

## February

- ✓ Begin thinking about your course schedule for 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- ✓ Begin your college search. Visit campuses. Explore our Career and Exploration link for career planning, college and scholarship/financial aid search <http://www.gsdacademy.com/page4/page4.html>
- ✓ Complete your career plan guideway and meet with your consultant to review results.

## March

- ✓ Register for the ACT with the SAT II and/or SAT I for the April, May or June test dates
- ✓ Start looking at summer class options for community college
- ✓ Consider taking the SAT II for courses you're taking this year for UC or other universities that require the SAT II.
- ✓ Study, Study & Study -- Your GPA will determine what college you attend
- ✓ Complete your career plan guideway and meet with your consultant to review results.

## April

- ✓ Make a list of colleges where you plan to apply. Visit campuses
- ✓ Begin looking at financial aid opportunities: Explore our Career and Exploration link for career planning, college and scholarship/financial aid search <http://www.gsdacademy.com/page4/page4.html> and [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- ✓ Complete your career plan guideway and meet with your consultant to review results.

## May

- ✓ Attend college fairs. Visit the <http://sandiegocalsoap.com/> website and click onto Events Calendar.
- ✓ Take SAT & ACT Tests
- ✓ Check out different careers and find what college education is required for that career. Explore our Career and Exploration link for career planning, college and scholarship/financial aid search <http://www.gsdacademy.com>

- ✓ Study, study, & study -- Your GPA may determine what college you attend.
- ✓ Make a profile of colleges that interest you, and then research them. Books from these sites can help: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com), [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com), [www.princetonreview.com](http://www.princetonreview.com), [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com), [www.collegeapps.com](http://www.collegeapps.com)
- ✓ Take Advanced Placement (AP) exams if interested.
- ✓ Take SAT I or SAT II exams.

### July/August

- ✓ Work – save money for college.
- ✓ Consider taking a summer course at a community college.
- ✓ Consider taking an SAT prep or essay writing class if desired.
- ✓ Visit colleges that interest you.
- ✓ Register with NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse if you plan to play Division I or Division II college sports.
- ✓ Register early for fall SAT tests.

\*Here are some websites to get you started with scholarship searches [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com), [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com), and [www.collegetoolkit.com](http://www.collegetoolkit.com).