

8TH & 9TH GRADES

- Balance course load and practice time management
- Respond to emails from teachers, supervisors, and family
- Join clubs and activities to grow skills and interests
- Take the CWRA in 9th grade (proctored at York)



10TH GRADE FALL

- Stay active in clubs; focus on a few key interests & leadership
- Take PSAT 10 for practice (proctored at York)

SPRING

- Meet your college counselor to discuss goals
- Choose advanced classes for 11th grade

10TH GRADE SUMMER

- Take SAT Subject Tests (Optional)
- Visit colleges and explore what environment fits you (size, location, programs, housing, diversity)
- Join summer programs, internships, jobs, or volunteer work

11TH GRADE FALL

- Visit colleges (in person or virtually)
- Meet with college reps and start building your college list
- Take challenging courses
- Pursue leadership roles in activities
- Take PSAT/NMSQT (National Merit qualifier, proctored at York)

11TH GRADE SPRING

- Enroll in York's Pathways Course
- Attend York's College Night
- Ask teachers for recommendation letters
- Brainstorm essay topics
- Take SAT/ACT and AP exams
- Plan for a rigorous senior schedule
- Finalize preliminary college list in Scoir

11TH GRADE SUMMER

- Join summer programs, internships, jobs, or volunteer work
- Discuss college finances with family
- Finalize your college list
- Visit colleges and practice interview skills
- Begin writing essays

12TH GRADE FALL

- Enroll in York's Pathways Course
- Decide if applying ED/EA
- Confirm college list
- Apply for fee waivers and set up application portals
- Complete activities section of applications
- Remind teachers of recommendation deadlines
- Take SAT (proctored at York)

12TH GRADE FALL (CONTINUED)

- Revise and finalize essays
- Complete optional interviews
- Submit ED/EA/RD applications
- Apply for scholarships
- File FAFSA (and CSS profile)

SPRING

- Update counselor as decisions arrive
- Attend Admitted Student Programs
- Review financial aid packages
- Pick your college!



Final decision & submit deposit.

CELEBRATE!

