



### Timeline for applying to college

#### Freshman Year

- Meet with Ms. Horan, the academic dean, to outline four-year academic plan.
- Get involved in school or community activities. Don't overload! Choose one or two things that interest you.
- Plan your summer activities. Consider programs, classes, camps and other opportunities in your areas of interest.

#### Sophomore Year

- If sophomores need to revisit their four-year academic plan, they should meet with Ms. Horan, the academic dean, before registering for junior year classes.
- Review the SAT Subject Test timeline and consider whether to take any tests in May or June.
- Plan summer activities. Consider programs, classes, camps or other opportunities in student's areas of extracurricular or academic interest.
- Begin visiting Bay Area and Northern California colleges.

#### Junior Year

##### October:

- Juniors take the PSAT.

##### January-May:

- Students and families begin individual meetings with their college counselors.
- Students attend a weekly college counseling class.
- Juniors take SAT or ACT and SAT Subject Tests as recommended.
- Investigate and plan summer activities.
- Schedule visits to colleges over February and/or spring breaks.

##### Summer:

- Research colleges. Write college essays. Research scholarships. Decide whether to apply early.

#### Senior Year

##### September through December:

- Seniors continue to attend a weekly college counseling class.
- Students meet regularly with their college counselors.
- Seniors have the opportunity to meet with more than 100 college representatives who visit Harker.
- Students take SAT, ACT or Subject Tests again, if recommended.
- College list is finalized and seniors work on college applications.

##### November:

- Early and UC applications due

##### January:

- Most regular applications due

##### December through April:

- Receive college acceptances!