

Following this timeline will support you in your college and career exploration! Reminders:

- GPA Eligibility: California State University (CSU) - 2.5 GPA, University of California (UC) - 3.0 GPA
- To be eligible for a CSU or UC, you must complete at least 15 A-G courses.
- Find your high school's course list here: <https://hs-articulation.ucop.edu/agcourselist>
- For additional college planning resources, visit our resource page: <https://cep.berkeley.edu/resource-directory>.

FALL

- ☐ Get to know your advisor, counselor, and other college resources available (school/community)
- ☐ Does your school have a college program that could guide you through the college planning process? Check out your school's college center and apply for a program. See if there are any CEP programs at your school.
- ☐ Keep your grades up! (Colleges do not accept D or F grades). Get tutoring in subjects that are difficult for you.
- ☐ Apply to scholarships and summer programs open to 9th and 10th graders
- ☐ Ask family, teachers, and mentors about their college experience
- ☐ Create a professional email to use for all college exploration purposes
- ☐ Create free accounts and explore self, career, and major options:
 - [California Colleges](#): Discover your interests and values and find careers and colleges to reach your goals.
 - [California Career Zone](#): Learn which careers fit you and the next steps to pursuing college!
 - [College Board](#): Explore careers, identify majors for the career, and colleges that offer that major.
 - [Career One Stop](#): Explore a collection of videos on hundreds of careers available on
- ☐ Find an extracurriculars you are excited about (club, sport, leadership, volunteer, community programs, etc.)
- ☐ READ as much as you can; it will help you develop new ideas and build your vocabulary
- ☐ Undocumented? If comfortable disclosing your status, notify your counselor so they can support you as you prepare for college. Eligible undocumented students can receive financial aid! Learn more [here!](#)
- ☐ If you are an athlete and are interested in playing college sports, ask your counselor about [NCAA](#) requirements.
- ☐ Explore various college systems:

[University of California \(UC\) Campuses](#)

[Western Undergraduate Exchange](#) (save on out-of-state colleges)

[California State University \(CSU\) Campuses](#)

[Historically Black Colleges and Universities \(HBCUs\)](#)

[California Community Colleges](#)

[List of Participating Colleges on Common App](#)

SPRING

- ☐ Create a <https://www.collegeboard.org/> account and the BigFuture planning section.
- ☐ Begin to talk to your parents about your college plans!
- ☐ Explore summer school options to get ahead: Community college, summer programs, etc.
- ☐ Meet with your counselor to discuss summer plans & update the 4-year A-G courses planner and options for next year's honors, AP, or dual enrollment courses.
- ☐ Look for a summer job and/or volunteer work.
- ☐ Continue researching colleges (online, field trips, tours, college fairs, etc.)

SUMMER

- ☐ If you received a D or F, you should be attending summer school!
- ☐ Start exploring majors (areas of study): <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers/majors>
- ☐ Work, volunteer, and take summer courses at the community college
- ☐ Visit a local college campus
- ☐ Stay active!
- ☐ READ! READ! READ! Keep your mind stimulated!
- ☐ Reflect on the previous school year (good and bad) and the lessons learned
- ☐ Set academic, personal, and social goals for the coming school year!