

College Planning Timeline International School of Panama

Junior Year

Throughout the year:

- Remember that your 11th grade GPA is the GPA reported to colleges/universities
- Participate actively in meaningful CAS / service projects that show leadership and citizenship
- Research admission requirements using websites and printed college guides
 - Is the SAT or ACT required? (or other exams)
- Use the resources in Naviance for college / career research
 - Begin list of “Colleges I’m Thinking About”

March:

- Register for the SAT Reasoning and/or Subject Tests (**May 7 and June 4**) and/or the ACT (**April 9 and June 11**) The ISP **CEEB Code is 882570**.
- Consider taking an SAT preparation class.
- Schedule a meeting with your counselor. Parents are welcome to attend the meeting.
- Continue researching colleges / universities
- Plan summer activities:
 - Visit college campuses if possible
 - Enrichment programs

April:

- Identify the characteristics of a college that are important to you (size, setting, etc.)
- Take the ACT if desired/needed

May:

- Take the SAT if desired/needed
- Continue to work hard in all classes
- Request information from colleges you are considering (use electronic request form on website)
- Plan to visit prospective colleges over the summer as much as possible.
- Request letter of recommendation and Common App form from two teachers

June through August:

- Continue college research
- Visit as many college campuses as possible
 - Meet with admissions counselors
 - Take a guided tour
 - Open House days
- Enrich yourself with something you enjoy or can learn (a job, test prep, community service, class at a university, travel, language class, etc.)
- Begin your personal statement and/or essay for applications
- Create / polish your resume - Naviance has a template
- Register / take the TOEFL or IELTS
- Make sure to register for any needed exams (SAT, ACT, SAT Subject Tests, TOEFL, IELTS, other)

Senior Year

September & October:

- Important: Schedule your Senior Meeting with your counselor to discuss and finalize your college application plans. Parents are welcome to attend this meeting.
- Request a copy of your transcript and check that all is correct, including GPA.
- Register for any needed exams (SAT, ACT, TOEFL, other)
- Work on your college application essay(s) and/or personal statement. These should be *your absolute best work*. Consult with English teachers, and others, for help and proofreading.
- Early Action / Early Decision - November 1 and November 15 - request counselor and teacher recommendations at least 2 weeks before the deadline
- United Kingdom - apply through UCAS - October 15 Deadline: Cambridge, Oxford, dentistry, medicine, veterinary science. January 15 is the regular deadline for *most* programs.
- Europe and Canada: deadlines vary widely. Research each university individually.
- Attend the college visits at ISP. Make an effort to talk with as many schools as possible.
- Work on applications, especially for US institutions

November:

- Plan to complete applications to all colleges by the end of November
- Be aware of November 30 deadlines (California Universities, others possible)
- Complete Transcript Request Forms to counselors for all schools with deadlines in early January
- Send SAT or ACT scores to colleges as needed

December:

- December 1 - Transcript Request Forms due to counselors for schools with deadlines in January

January:

- Transcripts from first semester will be available a few days after winter break

February:

- Continue to maintain your rigorous schedule and earn the highest grades possible. Stay engaged.
- Investigate your choices carefully, considering your major, costs, living arrangements, etc.

March:

- Notify your counselor of any acceptances you receive. Forward the email / copy letter to counselor.
- Continue to review your offers and options.

April:

- Continue to receive decisions from colleges. See your counselor to discuss your options.
- Respond to ALL offers (accept or decline) by May 1. Your spot could go to someone on the wait list.
- After accepting:
 - Pay the required deposit to the school you will attend.
 - Make housing arrangements.
 - Apply for Student Visa if needed.

May:

- Take IB Exams and have scores sent directly to the college you will attend.
- Complete a Final Transcript Request Form for the college you will attend and give to your counselor.