

College Planning Guide for High School Students

High school can be a fun and challenging time in your life. With such a busy schedule, it is easy to forget “things to do.” Use this helpful timeline with key tasks that will help you be more successful in planning your future.



	September — November	December — February	March — May	June — August
Freshman	<p>Take advanced classes wherever possible ¹</p> <p>Find extra-curricular activities you like ²</p>	<p>Learn to self-infuse, if you haven't already*</p> <p>Establish talks with a guidance counselor ¹</p>	<p>Start thinking about why you want to go to college ²</p> <p>Begin developing a resumé of activities, awards, offices held, etc. for each year. Activities should be in three areas: 1. Something Professional (What have you done to prove you would be good in your major?) 2. Something Service (How do you give back to your community?) 3. Something Social (What do you do for fun?) ¹</p>	<p>Attend summer camp on a college campus ²</p>
Sophomore	<p>Complete a career assessment ³</p>	<p>Know your medications and treatment plan</p> <p>Look into signing up for Baxter's CARE program, which provides insurance assistance and resources</p>	<p>Start visiting colleges/talk with students ²</p> <p>Generate a list of questions for campus visits ²</p>	<p>Consider taking a prep workshop for PSAT/SAT/ACT ¹</p>
Junior	<p>Take PSAT ¹</p> <p>Take SAT/ACT ¹</p> <p>Review PSAT with guidance counselor ¹</p>	<p>Learn how to schedule your own appointments</p> <p>Start portfolio of projects/writings that show your skills ³</p>	<p>Start researching scholarships/financial aid available ²</p> <p>Start taking the lead in conversations with your doctor</p>	<p>Continue college visits ²</p> <p>Consider taking SAT/ACT again ²</p>
Senior	<p>Read: <i>High School Seniors – Preparing for your next step after high school</i> ³</p> <p>Discuss with your treatment center social worker if you might become eligible as a Vocational Rehabilitation client</p>	<p>Finalize top three choices and visit if you haven't ²</p> <p>Write your essays ²</p> <p>Start application process / "early decision" ²</p>	<p>File Your FAFSA form and submit online by March 10th ²</p> <p>Start getting scholarship/ financial aid forms in ³</p>	<p>Review your current insurance plan to ensure you will have coverage once you graduate.</p> <p>Have counselor send transcripts to school of choice ¹</p> <p>Submit paperwork for room & board ¹</p> <p>Collect three letters of recommendation ¹</p> <p>Make college selection and pay down payment for college and residence hall ³</p> <p>If you are moving for college, talk to your HTC about where the closest HTC is available. Contact the local HTC near your college to provide medical records in case of an emergency.</p>

* You should be trained on how to do infusions by your HTC or your doctor.