

## Legend High School Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior Year Post-Graduate Timeline

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### **Grade 9- Freshman Year Checklist/Timeline**

- Find out how to make the most of high school.
- Talk to your student advisor about the following:
  - LHS recommended classes for college preparation:
    - 4 years of English
    - 4 years of Math (through Algebra II and beyond)
    - 2-3 years of the same world language
    - 4 years of Science (including 2 years of lab science-Biology, Chemistry, Physics, etc.)
    - 4 years Social Studies
    - 2-3 year(s) of (Practical and Fine Arts)
  - Establishing academic goals for each school year.
  - About what you should be doing in light of your college and career plans.
  - NCAA Clearinghouse/ Eligibility Center
  - Exploring careers through research and experiences.
  - Become familiar with college entrance requirements
- Take EXPLORE®—a set of four tests that measure academic achievement; EXPLORE results can be a benchmark before taking PLAN® and the ACT® test
- Join/continue extracurricular activities
  - Life Outside the Classroom
    - How you've made a meaningful contribution to something
    - What your non-academic interests are
    - Whether you can maintain a long-term commitment
    - Whether you can manage your time and priorities
    - What diversity you'd bring to the student body
- Research college costs
- Attend summer camp at a college to experience a college-like atmosphere
- Create a file of the following documents and notes:
  - Copies of report cards
  - List of honors and awards
  - List of school and community activities in which you are involved, included both paid and volunteer work, and description of what you do.

## **Grade 10- Sophomore Year Checklist/Timeline**

- Continue to take and plan challenging high school courses.
- Continue to meet with your student advisor at least once a year regarding:
  - Reviewing classes you need to fulfill for (selected/possible) colleges you are interested in.
  - Finding out about Advanced Placement (AP) courses
    - What courses are available
    - Whether or not you are eligible
    - How to enroll
- Take PLAN® Exam.
- Review PLAN results with your parents and student advisor; compare these to your EXPLORE® results to measure growth
- Continue or get logged onto Naviance and utilized the resume, my profile, college, learning styles resource tools that are available to you.
- Start collecting college information
- Visit colleges and talk with college students
- Update your file, or start one if you haven't already (See Freshmen year list)
- Join/continue extracurricular activities.
- Continue to evaluate your (NCAA) academic eligibility status, if interested in collegiate athletics.
- Continue your participation in academic enrichment programs, summer workshops, and camps with specialty focuses.

### **Interesting...**

***Only about 40% of students who graduate from high school actually go to college- although 80+% say they are going to go.***

***85% of emerging occupations are expected to require post-secondary education; 60% will require a two-year degree***

## **Grade 11- Junior Year Checklist/Timeline**

- Keep meeting with your student advisor at least once a year.
- Continue or get logged onto Naviance and utilized the resume, my profile, college, learning styles resource tools that are available to you.
- Continue to take and plan challenging courses.
- Keep your grades up.
- Continue to evaluate your (NCAA) academic eligibility status, if interested in collegiate athletics.
- Take the ACT in the Spring (mandated by the state of Colorado). LHS students will be taking this test in April at Legend High School; there is no fee for this test. Please ask your student advisor for further details regarding this one-time testing day. LHS students can also sign up to take this test in the Fall of their junior year.
- Take SAT's in the spring.
- Talk with your parents and high school student advisor about colleges that interest you.
- Prepare a list of questions to ask on campus visits.
- Continue to visit colleges and talk with college students.
- List, compare, and visit colleges.
- Start or update an academic resume.
- Consider putting together a portfolio that highlights your special skills and talents.
- Keep filling out the college comparison worksheet.
- Investigate scholarship opportunities.
- Volunteer for activities and clubs related to career interests.
- Get a part-time job, apprenticeship, or internship; or job shadow in a profession that interests you; plan summer activities early.
- Review your class schedule (for both senior and junior year) with your student advisor. Challenge your self with honors, Advanced Placement, and ACC College Ready class and stick with sequences that you have begun, in the languages.

### **Interesting...**

***For every one-hundred Colorado 9<sup>th</sup> graders, only 19 graduate with an Associates degree in three years or a Bachelor's degree in six years.***