

# OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES

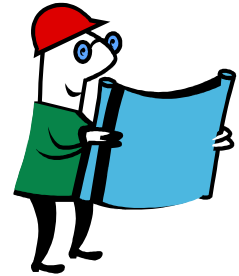
Access to accurate information is key to Student Success.



## How can I get a “jump start” on my FOUR YEAR PLAN?

### Did you know?

There are some very ambitious students who by the beginning of 9<sup>th</sup> grade have mapped out their entire high school course taking plan. That is called a four year plan. Mapping out your school plan for the next four years is important to your school success today and for the future.



### Get an early start on your future planning!

- ✓ DO take the ACT or SAT test in your junior year.
- ✓ DO get to know your high school COUNSELOR.
- ✓ DO take RIGOROUS classes all four years of high school.
- ✓ DO work hard towards a GOOD GPA.
- ✓ DO develop a PLAN for your FUTURE!

### For Your High School Four Year Plan, Consider the Following:

#### 9<sup>th</sup> grade

**BEGIN THE YEAR:** Check web sites of colleges or technical schools that interest you- send an email to department or admissions faculty. Print off requirements for admissions and plan your high school schedule accordingly.

**DURING THE YEAR:** Get involved in activities you enjoy and work toward leadership positions. Work hard for good grades. Attend SEOP meetings with your counselor.

**SPRING:** Sign up for a rigorous class schedule for next year.

#### 10<sup>th</sup> grade

**BEGIN THE YEAR:** Concentrate on getting good grades and participating in extracurricular and or service projects. Take tough classes

**DURING THE YEAR:** Attend SEOP meetings with your counselor. Check out Career Technical Education (CTE) programs that interest you.

**SPRING:** Sign up for rigorous classes and CTE courses that line up with personal goals. Continue to check college and technical school websites and make college connections.

#### 11<sup>th</sup> grade

**BEGIN THE YEAR:** Narrow your college or technical school field to a few that have the program you are interested in. Also consider admission requirements, financial aid, scholarships, service programs and extracurricular activities. Work hard to maintain a good GPA. Attend SEOP meetings with your counselor.

**UNTIL DECEMBER:** email colleges on your list to inquire about admissions requirements, ask about merit aid and financial need based student aide.

**APRIL/MAY/JUNE:** Take the SAT or ACT test.

**JULY/AUGUST:** Reduce your list of schools to a few choices and visit them. Talk to admissions and financial aid officers, take a campus tour.

#### 12<sup>th</sup> grade

**BEGIN THE YEAR:** Check your PTG with your counselor, register for any classes you need to complete all graduation requirements. Sign up to take SAT or ACT again this fall. Attend SEOP meetings with your counselor.

**OCTOBER:** Select schools to which you will apply and check websites for online applications and financial aid information. Take campus tours.

**NOVEMBER:** Solicit written recommendations from counselors, teachers and people in the community.

**DECEMBER/FEBRUARY:** Submit applications, transcripts, recommendations and financial requests. Check Career Center or counselor for financial aid forms and scholarship information. The wait for the mail!

**MAY/JUNE:** Enjoy the end of your high school career and a well planned future!

#### Links:

College Board [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

ACT <http://act.org/>

Utah Mentor [www.utahmentor.org](http://www.utahmentor.org)

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