



COLLEGE GUIDANCE TIMELINE

College planning takes...planning! The following is an EBA timeline used to engage students and families in preparing for college. The timeline builds year-to-year and includes:

General

Through all four years at EBA high school, students are exposed to and encouraged to plan for many aspects of post-high school life. This is done through career tools workshops, exposure to different colleges, investigating life in and on college campus, planning high school schedules, investigating interests and promoting volunteer activities and community engagement.

Freshman

The first high school year is a time when students are encouraged to establish a solid academic footing. It's also when students are invited to investigate interests (for possible future careers) through extracurricular and volunteer activities. The goal is creating a benchmark from which a student can move forward. Freshman year is the earliest record of what colleges review in a student file. They are looking for upward movement from freshman year.

Sophomore

Sophomores are challenged to dig deeper academically to show their seriousness about being lifelong learners. Families and students receive reminders about visiting campuses to identify likes and dislikes in environment, geography and academics. Later in the school year, they are given opportunities to attend college planning events within the community. Pre-Act tests (PLAN) are administered to validate student's academic readiness, areas for academic improvement and possible career interests. Some students may even begin to receive inquiries from colleges.

Junior

College planning activity ramps up significantly junior year. "College Night" for juniors (mandatory) maps out a general plan for upcoming activities and how to maximize the resources at EBA and other avenues for finding the right college fit. Students take the Pre-SAT (PSAT) to further validate subject mastery and areas for improvement. Interest and Activities Summaries are created for their senior college submission package. College fairs, workshops, ACT/SAT test preparation etc. and schedules are announced. Students are notified of scholarship opportunities and events that can showcase their gifts to future colleges. By the end of junior year, students begin to take preliminary ACT/SAT tests.

Senior

College application process begins in earnest the summer before senior year. Each family meets with the college guidance advisor to identify goals and expectations for college applications. "College Night" for seniors and families (required) specifically maps out a year of college and career planning. Events and one-on-one counseling guide students in essay writing, application preparation, financial aid and specific schools' processes. EBA presents a thorough picture of your student to colleges and scholarship programs. The student package colleges receive from EBA includes: transcripts, senior schedules, summary recommendations from the school head and college guidance advisor, school profile, test results (where allowed) and a detailed student activities/awards/interest summary. Scholarship applications and supporting documentation specific to the student, schools to which s/he applied, etc. are distributed. A brief personal summary of your student's college profile and selected college is presented during graduation.

Post EBA

EBA values continued relationships with its graduates to bless them and to glean from their college experience. Programs are being developed to continue the relationship with past graduates. Grads are invited to return for social events and for special programming to give feedback and answer questions from students about the high school-to-college transition/college experience. As graduates continue to apply to post-secondary programs and scholarships, EBA is pleased to provide support services.