

# Summerville High School ~ 9th Grade Planning Timeline

When	College	Career
<b>All Year</b>	<p>Do well in school. Colleges may consider grades starting your 9th grade year. Take challenging classes in core academic subjects. Select high school classes you are interested in that will prepare you for college and your intended career path.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure you know what high school courses are required to graduate and that you're taking the right classes as early as 9th grade.</li> <li>• Most colleges require four years of English, at least three years of social studies (history, civics, geography, economics, etc.), three years of math (recommend four), and three years of science. Many require two years of a foreign language and a year of visual and performing arts.</li> </ul>	<p>Do well in school. Take challenging classes in core academic subjects. Select high school classes you are interested in that will prepare you for college and your intended career path.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research CTE (Career Technical Education) options at your high school. Check with your high school to see if it has any established career pathways that can help you plan your classes.</li> <li>• Research <a href="#">career families/ industry sectors</a> to figure out where your interests lie and which high school classes can help you explore and refine your interests.</li> </ul>
<b>All Year</b>	<p>Participate in extracurricular activities. Academics aren't everything. Explore your interests in a sport, school club, music or drama group, or community volunteer activity. Remember that colleges would rather see real involvement in one activity than a loose connection to several of them.</p>	<p>Participate in extracurricular activities. Academics aren't everything. Explore your interests in a sport, school club, music or drama group, or community volunteer activity. These interests may develop into a career that you would like to pursue.</p>
<b>All Year</b>	<p>If you're interested in playing sports in college, research the National College Athletic Association (NCAA) and/ or National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) eligibility requirements.</p> <p>The NCAA requires completion of certain core courses, you can find the specifics at <a href="http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net">www.ncaaclearinghouse.net</a>.</p> <p>The NAIA Eligibility center website is <a href="http://www.playnaia.org">http://www.playnaia.org</a></p>	<p>Start thinking about your life after school, including the types of jobs that might interest you. These will change – often – but it's good to start thinking about the possibilities. Identify your interests – likes and dislikes – not just in classes but in all areas. This will help you focus on your goals. Talk to other people about careers you might find interesting. Try talking to your school counselor, teachers and recent college graduates who are working, professionals in the community, etc.</p>
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<b>Winter</b>	<p>Complete an Interest Profiler activity through <a href="#">California Career Zone</a> to see what careers align with your interests. Start exploring careers that spark your interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a site like <a href="#">BigFuture</a> to start exploring both colleges and careers. Create accounts on these sites so that you can save your work and progress.</li> </ul>	<p>Complete an Interest Profiler activity through <a href="#">California Career Zone</a> to see what careers align with your interests. Start exploring careers that spark your interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use a site like <a href="#">BigFuture</a> to start exploring both colleges and careers. Create accounts on these sites so that you can save your work and progress.ers that spark your interest.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Spring/ Summer</b></p>	<p>It's not too early to start visiting colleges. If you are close to any colleges, consider visiting to get an idea of the type of school you might be interested in - urban/rural; big/small; public/private. Start talking about subject areas you may be interested in pursuing as a major because this will affect the schools you will eventually include on your list of potential colleges.</p>	<p>Think about the <a href="#">21st century skills</a> that you need to be successful in the workplace, school, and beyond. Learn what these skills are and practice and develop them in your daily life, both in and out of the classroom.</p>
<p><b>Summer</b></p>	<p>Spend your summer productively - work part-time, intern, volunteer, take a college class, and/ or participate in an enrichment program.</p>	<p>Spend your summer productively - work part-time, intern, volunteer, take a college class, and/ or participate in an enrichment program.</p>