



CCSD College & Career

Planning Timeline

Freshman Year

Middle School

- Take Algebra & Spanish in MS
- Attend CCHS Night in the spring of 8th grade
- Get involved in clubs, sports or other hobbies

All Students

- Earn the highest grades possible in all classes!
 - All classes count towards your Grade Point Average (GPA) which colleges will use to determine eligibility.
 - The higher GPA, the more scholarships available.
- Develop strong academic habits.
 - Find a quiet place to do your homework, check your grades frequently online and stay organized.
- Get involved in clubs, activities or sports.
 - Colleges will award scholarships for extra-curricular activities so find a hobby and get involved.
- **November: Attend Beyond HS Night @ CCHS.**
- Visit the Future Center to learn about different college services at CCHS.
- Explore different elective classes to discover hobbies/career interests.
- Meet w/ NJROTC instructors if interested in service academy (Naval/Air Force Academy) or ROTC scholarships.
- **March:** Plan Sophomore year classes in Connections class w/Counselor & ASPIRE Coordinator.

Sophomore Year

All Students

- Earn the highest grades possible in all classes! The higher the grades, the more scholarship options.
- Take dual-credit & CTE classes and keep track of all college credit received while at CCHS.
- Throughout the year attend all college visits at CCHS.
- Consider taking Advance Placement (AP) and advanced mathematics classes to improve transcript rigor and earn college credit.
- **Fall:** Visit Future Center to discuss future plans and connect with ASPIRE mentor.
- **Fall:** Register for the PSAT (www.collegeboard.com).
- **October:** Take the PSAT for practice.
- **November: Attend Beyond HS Night @ CCHS.**
- **Winter:** Review your PSAT results with your guidance counselor or ASPIRE mentor and discuss college and future plans.
- **Spring:** Compile a list of all colleges that you would consider going to. Consider the location, size, academic programs offered and costs.
- **March:** Plan junior year classes in Connections class w/ Counselor/ASPIRE Coordinators.
- **May:** Take AP tests if applicable.
- **Summer:** Consider taking on a summer job or volunteer work experience to put on your college resume.

Junior Year

All Students

- Earn the highest grades possible in all classes! The higher the grades, the more scholarship options.
- Take dual-credit & CTE classes and keep track of all college credit received while at CCHS.
- Take Careers class semester 2 or Senior Year.
- Consider taking AP and advanced mathematics classes to improve transcript rigor and earn college credit.
- Throughout the year attend all college visits at CCHS.
- Meet with CCHS School-to-Work Coordinator to set up internships.

Community College/University Bound Students

- **Fall:** Potential college athletes register with NCAA clearing house online. (www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- **Sept:** Study and register for October PSAT. (www.collegeboard.com)
- **Oct:** Take the PSAT
- **Nov: Attend Beyond HS Night on @ CCHS**
- **Nov:** Continue gathering info on the colleges you are interested in.
- **Nov:** Begin researching potential scholarships and other financial aid options.
- **Dec:** Receive the results of the PSAT. Decide whether SAT/ACT prep course should be considered.
- **Jan:** Complete FAFSA forecaster. (<https://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/estimate>)
- **Jan:** Register for the Spring SAT or ACT. (<http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/>) or (<http://www.actstudent.org/regist/>)
- **Winter:** Study for the SAT/ACT at (<http://sat.collegeboard.org>)
- **Mar:** During Spring Break visit potential colleges.
- **Apr:** Re-evaluate list of colleges and begin focusing on top-priority schools.
- **Spring:** Take the SAT or ACT.
- **May:** Take Advanced Placement (AP) tests if applicable.
- **Spring:** Meet w/ counselor or ASPIRE Mentor to review transcript and plan senior year course load.
- **Summer:** Narrow down college list to finalists and visit potential colleges.

Students interested in enlisted Military options

- Research different branches of the military.
- Meet with CCHS NJROTC instructors to discuss options.
- Enroll in NJROTC classes.
- **Winter:** Study for ASVAB Exam (http://official-asvab.com/prepare_rec.htm)
- Take the ASVAB Exam @ CCHS.

Work Bound Students

- Enroll/Specialize in CTE Strands.
 - Natural Resource Management
 - Health Occupations
 - Graphic Design
 - Business
 - Culinary Arts
 - Manufacturing & Technology
 - Agriculture
- Meet with CCHS School-to-Work coordinator to set up internships.

Senior Year

All Students

- Earn the highest grades possible in all classes! The higher the grades, the more scholarship options.
- Take dual-credit & CTE classes and keep track of all college credit received while at CCHS.
- Take AP and advanced mathematics classes to improve transcript rigor and earn college credit.
- Throughout the year attend all college visits at CCHS.
- Take Careers class if not taken junior year.
- Meet with CCHS School-to-Work Coordinator to set up internships.

Community College/University Bound Students

- **Sept:** Register for SAT or ACT if needed and research potential financial aid options.
- **Oct:** FAFSA App Open (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online from FAFSA.gov.
- **Oct:** Oregon Promise Application available (www.oregonstudentaid.gov).
- **Fall:** File all financial aid forms (FAFSA), research and apply for available state financial aid, and begin gathering scholarship forms.
- **Fall:** If submitted FAFSA, you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) within 4 weeks of submission. Review SAR, make any corrections, and return to FAFSA processor.
- **Oct:** Request letters of recommendation if needed & work on college applications and scholarship essays.
- **Nov: Participate in College Application Week @ CCHS**
- **Nov: Attend Beyond HS Night @ CCHS.**
- **Nov:** Have test scores submitted to schools and monitor application/scholarship deadlines.
- **Dec:** Submit all applications. Meet with CCHS counselor to ensure everything is on-track.
- **Jan:** Contact colleges to confirm application materials were received.
- **Feb:** Oregon Promise application due for early graduates.
- **Feb:** Complete OSAC school scholarship form.
- **Apr:** Review acceptance letters and compare financial aid packages. Discuss all options with your parents/guardians and counselors.
- **Apr:** Choose the best college fit for you and then notify all schools of college decision.
- **May:** Take local college placement tests if needed.
- **June:** Oregon Promise Application due for June graduates.
- **June:** Request transcripts from colleges for all dual credits earned at CCHS.
- **June:** Ask CCHS Registrar to forward final transcripts to college.
- **June:** Contact college/university to determine when fees are due for tuition, room and board, etc.

Military Bound Students

- Explore different branches of the military.
- Meet with recruiter to determine eligibility requirements.
- Enroll in NJROTC classes.
- Take the ASVAB @ CCHS.

Work Bound Students

- Enroll/Specialize in CTE Strands.
 - Natural Resource Management
 - Health Occupations
 - Graphic Design
 - Business
 - Culinary Arts
 - Manufacturing & Technology
 - Agriculture
- Work with School-to-Work Coordinator to research employment opportunities.

College & Career Readiness Terms & Acronyms

Naviance – An online computer systems used at CCHS. Students complete surveys and activities in Naviance to better inform them of their post-high school options.

GPA – (Grade Point Average) is calculated by dividing the total amount of grade points earned by the total amount of credit hours attempted. Your grade point average may range from 0.0 to a 4.0.

Future Center – Located in CCHS next to the library, the Future Center is a great place to gather information about college admissions and scholarships while also getting connected with an ASPIRE Mentor.

ASPIRE - Mentoring program that matches trained and supportive adult volunteer mentors with middle and high school students to develop a plan to help them meet their education goals beyond high school.

Dual Credit Class – CCHS class in which a student receives CCHS credit as well as credit from a partner college/university.

CTE – (Career and Technical Education) The 7 CCHS CTE strands are Natural Resource Management, Health Occupations, Business, Culinary Arts, Manufacturing & Technology and Agriculture.

AP Class- Advanced Placement (**AP**) is a program in the United States and Canada created by the College Board which offers college-level curricula and examinations to high school students. American colleges and universities may grant placement and **course** credit to students who obtain high scores on the examinations.

PSAT - The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (**PSAT/NMSQT**) is a standardized test administered by the College Board and cosponsored by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) in the United States.

SAT - The SAT is an entrance exam used by most colleges and universities to make admissions decisions. This exam is usually taken in a student's junior and/or senior year.

ACT - The ACT is a nationally administered, standardized paper-and-pencil test that helps colleges evaluate candidates.

NCAA Clearinghouse - An organization outside of the **NCAA** which performs academic record evaluations to determine if a prospective student-athlete is eligible to participate at an **NCAA** Division I or II **college** as a freshman student-athlete.

FAFSA - The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) is a form that can be prepared annually by current and prospective college students (undergraduate and graduate) in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid.

NJROTC - Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, is a leadership program designed to give you or your son/daughter a head start in life. **NJROTC** develops self-discipline, self-confidence, and leadership skills to help you or your son/daughter successfully meet life's challenges along the road

ASVAB - The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (**ASVAB**) is a multiple choice test, administered by the United States Military Entrance Processing Command, used to determine qualification for enlistment in the United States Armed Forces.

Oregon Promise – A grant to new high school graduates and GED® recipients who will begin community college classes in Fall 2017. This grant program is administered by the Office of Student Access and Completion (OSAC) in Oregon's Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC).