

HOW TO GET TO COLLEGE

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Talk to friends and family about careers and possible school choices.
- Take **Algebra I** or another rigorous math course and aim for good grades.
- Take a **language** other than your first language.

- Explore **out-of-school or summer learning experiences** that can help you explore potential interests or careers.
- Join a **club or a team**.



9TH GRADE

- Take **CADRs** courses to meet University admissions requirements- Honors English, Algebra 1 or Geometry, and a foreign language.
- Build a flexible schedule allowing for study time, extracurricular activities, and your other interests.

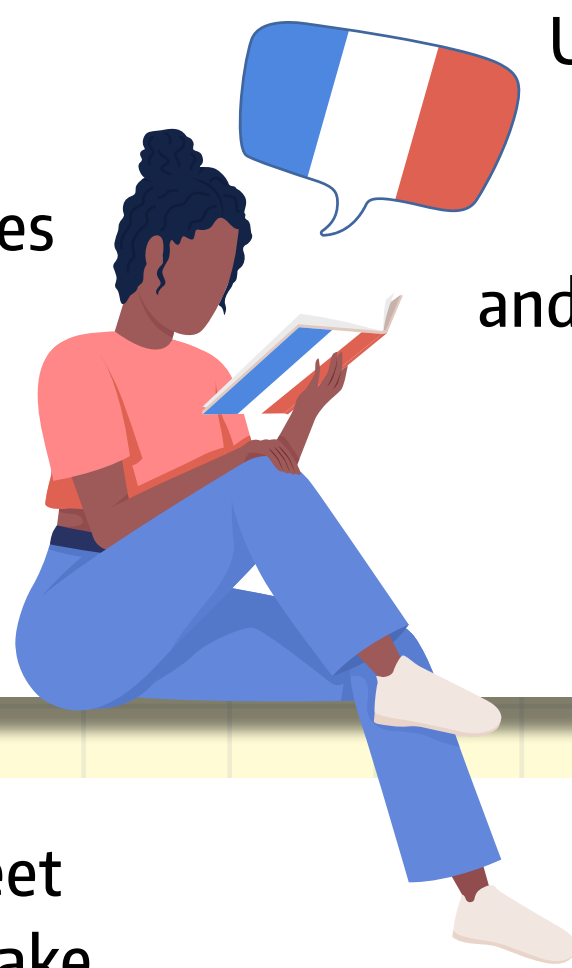
- Aim for **As and Bs** in all of your classes.
- Make a four-year schedule that increases your eligibility to attend the college of your choice.



10TH GRADE

- Take Geometry or Algebra 2.
- Take Honors English.
- Take the **PSAT** exam. Not all universities require the **SAT** or **ACT**, but it is important to prepare just in case the university you choose requires this entrance exam.

- Continue to take **CADRs** courses to meet University admissions requirements. (History, English, Math, Lab Science, Foreign Language, and Visual and Performing Arts.



11TH GRADE

- Continue to take **CADRs** courses to meet University admissions requirements. Take Algebra 2 or Advanced Math.
- Take Honors English.
- Take the **PSAT** exam if you did not take it in 10th grade. Not all universities require the **SAT** or **ACT**, but it is important to prepare just in case the university you choose requires this entrance exam.

- Register for **AP** exams in the Spring. You can earn college credits if you score well on these test(s).
- If you know the college of your choice requires the **SAT** or **ACT**, take it sometime during your Junior year.



12TH GRADE

- Complete all **CADRs** course requirements, including college prep English and advanced math. Trigonometry or Analytic Geometry/Calculus are also recommended.
- Take a senior-year math course. This course will strengthen your skills so you'll be better prepared for college coursework.
- **EARLY SEPTEMBER:** Register for the October **SAT** or **ACT**, if you haven't already taken the exam and it is required by your chosen University.

- **October 1 - November 30:** Apply to the colleges of your choice early.
- **October 1 - March 2:** Apply for financial aid starting October 1. The priority deadline is March 2.
- **LATE SPRING:** If you are taking **AP** classes, register for the **AP** exams. You can earn college credit if you score a 3 or more on the exams.

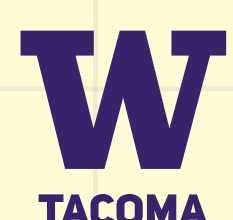


ABBREVIATIONS

ACT: American College Testing
AP: Advanced Placement
CADRs: College Academic Distributions Requirements
PSAT: Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test
SAT: Scholastic Assessment Test

CADRs:

English	4 credits
Math	3 credits
Science	3 credits
World Languages	2 credits
Fine, visual or performing arts	0.5 credit
Academic electives	0.5 credit



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WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

