

JUNIOR YEAR

You are on your way! Please plan accordingly.

1. Don't slack off. Continue good study habits and community as well as school involvement. This is the year that colleges really look at grades and challenge.
2. Discuss possible plans/ideas with parents.
3. Take PSAT in October.
4. Attend Future Planning Night.
5. Attend Sophomore/Junior Planning Night.
6. Attend area Day/Night Programs, College and Career Fairs.
7. Take the Colorado ACT test.
8. Consider testing courses.
9. Register for a national test ACT/SAT in the spring.
10. Become familiar with college resources, services, and materials available, i.e. college and career center. Make sure you are completing surveys and assignments made by your counselor – Personality Survey, complete resume, complete ECP folder, etc.. Naviance is our best tool and a huge resource for your needs.
11. Visit with college representatives when they come to school. Check Naviance for recent schedules and sign up there if you are interested.
12. Graduation Check and Junior Meeting with counselor.
13. Begin serious research on post secondary options. Make lists of schools and programs you are interested in. Make sure that you are updating Naviance with the schools you are interested in.
14. Consider what you want from colleges.
15. Take college visits.
16. Begin working with counselor if interested in academies.
17. Continue updating resume.

SENIOR YEAR

Congratulations! This is the home stretch. Here is a list to help you out. Below are target dates.

August/September.

Visit with counselor for senior credit check to make sure you are set for graduation.

Athletes should make sure they are registered for the NCAA Clearinghouse/Eligibility Center. There is a packet available in the counseling office or you need to register on-line www.eligibilitycenter.org.

Narrow your college choices to five. Update your Naviance account. Ensure you have met all requirements for testing.

Register for ACT/SATs and/or SAT II.

Visit with college representatives. Remember to sign up for the visit on Naviance.

Attend Future Planning Night.

Attend College Fairs.

Apply for pin number for the FAFSA (free application for federal student aid) at www.fafsa.ed.gov

September/October:

Begin on-line applications and ensure that you are completing essays and getting letters of recommendation only if necessary.

Schedule College visits.

Scholarship search on Naviance, www.fastweb.com, and counseling office database.

Fill out Letter of Recommendation Profile (on Naviance) for teachers and counselors

Take the ACT/SAT or SAT IIs by December (preferably October).

Consider attending a Financial Aid workshop and applying for financial aid and completing the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

November/December

Final Graduation Check by Thanksgiving.

Obtain letters of recommendation. Ask three weeks in advance. Follow up with a thank you note.

Check with application deadlines (California and early action deadlines begin by November 30th).

Apply to colleges by December.

Remember to leave time for counselors to sign applications, request transcripts, and complete letters of recommendation.

Check again for scholarship deadlines on Naviance, fastweb or the counseling office drawer.

January:

Complete FAFSA/CSS Profile paperwork by mail or on-line by February 15th.

Attend Financial Aid Night.

Check schools of choice for scholarship deadline (generally mid-February)

Apply for scholarships.

Finish strong academically.

February/March/April

Choose the college you wish to attend. Pay the registration fee and look for housing information. Keep your eyes peeled for Financial Aid info (mid April).

Register with the Colorado Opportunity Fund at cof.college-assist.org

Continue to apply for scholarships.

College Planning Schedule of Events (9/07/16)

Register on-line at ACT: www.act.org and SAT: www.collegeboard.com

MVHS School Code is 060 747; MVHS' ACT Test Site Code: 227110; MVHS' SAT Test Site Code: 06169

National ACT Dates

September 10, 2016(@MVHS)
October 23, 2016 (@ MVHS)
December 10, 2016
February 11, 2017
April 8, 2017 (@ MVHS)
June 10, 2017

Registration Deadline

August 7, 2016
September 16, 2016
November 4, 2016
January 13, 2017
March 3, 2017
May 5, 2017

National SAT I and/or SAT II Dates

October 1, 2016
November 5, 2016 (@MVHS)
December 3, 2016
January 21, 2017
March 22, 2017 (@MVHS)
May 6, 2017 (@ MVHS)
June 3, 2017

Registration Deadline

September 1, 2016
October 7, 2016
November 3, 2016
December 21, 2016
February 10, 2017
April 7, 2017
May 9, 2017

- SAT I and SAT II tests cannot be taken on the same date

PSAT - Wednesday, October 19, 2016 (at MVHS – optional for Juniors)

All Juniors: Practice SAT - March 16, 2017 at 7:30 a.m /Junior Movie Night/College App Panel – March TBA

Colorado SAT (Juniors) and PSAT10 (Sophomores) April 11, 2017 at MVHS – Required for all Juniors and Sophomores

Mountain Vista Workshops

Senior Parent Night	August 17, 2016	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Future Planning Night	August 30, 2016	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Junior/Sophomore Parent Night	November 10, 2016	7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Financial Aid Night	November 1 st , 2016 & January 24, 2017	7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Sycamore Learning Workshops offered at Mountain Vista High School [www.prepforthefuture.com]

Cost: \$79 for one; \$150 for two

Preparing for the PSAT/SAT	September 14-15, 2016	6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Prep for the ACT	October 19-20, 2016	6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Prep for the ACT	Feb 8-9, 2017	6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Prep for the SAT	March 28-29, 2017	6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Prep for the SAT	April 5-6, 2017	6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Princeton Review Boot Camp (<http://www.princetonreview.com/product/offering/311007>) Cost \$99

PSAT Bookcamp Tuesday, October 11th 3:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Christian College Fairs

Valor College Fair	September 27th, 2016	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Jesuit College Fair – Dnvr Marriot (Tech Ctr)	September 4th, 2016	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Greater Denver College Fairs/Out of State College Fairs

Colleges That Change Lives (Dnv Cnv Ctr)	August 30, 2016	7:00 – 9:00
Monarch High School	September 28, 2016	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Lakewood High School	September 29, 2016	6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
MOUNTAIN VISTA HIGH SCHOOL	October 1, 2016	10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
NACAC (Denver Convention Center)	September 25, 2016	1:00 p.m – 4:00 pm.
Spring College Fair @ DU	April 24, 2017	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Colorado In-State College Night

Legend – Day/Night College Fair	October 13 th , 2016	6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
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It is encouraged that all students attending a college fair register for that fair at www.GoToCollegeFairs.com and print off a bar code. Colleges will be able to scan your information from the bar code rather than have you write it out.

Seniors- Records to Keep

Copies of all correspondence sent to or received from schools important to you.
Copies of scholarship requirements and deadlines; Copies of recommendation letters. All test score reports.
Unofficial/Official transcripts. Canceled checks or money orders paid to schools.
Admission tickets to tests and correction forms.
Working copy of financial and application forms.