



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT GUIDE ON COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

Freshmen Year (Gr. 9)

1. Focus on academic pursuits (you are encouraged to achieve 85% and above in all the subjects).
2. Take the PSAT 8/9 at TIS in both semesters.
3. If applicable, prepare and take the AP Exam at TIS in May.
4. Adapt yourself to high school by exploring and getting involved with extracurricular activities.
5. **Summer Holiday:** preparing for either TOEFL or IELTS exam.

Sophomore Year (Gr. 10)

1. Focus on academic pursuits by taking demanding courses (you are encouraged to achieve 88% and above in all the subjects).
2. Take the PSAT/NMSQT at TIS in semester one and the PSAT 10 in the 2nd semester.
3. Continue to explore extracurricular activities to showcase your leadership, athletics skills, and community service awareness.
4. Register and take the TOEFL or IELTS exam to achieve your goal score.
5. Prepare and take the AP Exam(s) at TIS in May.
6. **Summer Holiday:** polishing your English and math skills to prepare for the SAT.

Junior Year (Gr. 11)

1. Stay focused on academic pursuits by taking AP courses related to your prospective undergraduate programs (you are encouraged to achieve 90% and above in all the subjects).
2. If applicable, continue to take the TOEFL or IELTS exam if your goal score has not been achieved.
3. Take the PSAT/NMSQT at TIS in October.
4. Register to take your first SAT by the end of junior year.
5. Meet with admissions representatives when they visit TIS.
6. Prepare and take the AP Exam(s) at TIS in May.
7. Discuss senior year courses with your college advisor if necessary.
8. Become more committed to several extracurricular activities.
9. **Summer Holiday:** being committed to college application-related activities, e.g., college exploration, college tour, SAT preparation, and college essay writing.

Senior Year (Gr. 12)

1. Stay focused on academic pursuits. Keep challenging yourself in academics by taking more AP courses (you are encouraged to achieve 93% and above in all the subjects).
2. Register for the SAT if you plan to sit for a fall administration.
3. Meet with admissions representatives when they visit TIS.
4. If possible, take on larger roles in your most significant extracurricular commitments.
5. Take the TOEFL or IELTS exam again if necessary.
6. Finalize your college list and begin working on applications.
7. Share essays with the TIS college advisor and/or teachers for their advice.
8. Complete and submit your college applications before the deadlines set by your prospective universities.
9. Meet with the TIS college advisor to discuss your college admissions offers and finalize your matriculated university.
10. Prepare and take the AP Exam(s) at TIS in May and apply for the corresponding college credit(s) if applicable.
11. **Summer Holiday:** applying for the Student Visa and getting ready to attend your matriculated university.