

# College & Career Prep Timelines

Holdingsford students should regularly check their student emails and grade level counseling google classroom for updated postings on local College Career opportunities.

Use the timelines below as your guide to preparing for college and life after high school

## In 9th & 10th Grade:

- Take [interest and skills assessments](#) to help you explore career options.
- Talk with your school counselor about career and educational options
- Talk with friends, teachers, and your parents about college and careers.
- Review your high school class plan. Take the most difficult classes you can handle. Stay focused on your schoolwork.
- Start looking at College in the Schools class options for junior year that will earn college credit during your junior year through [Concurrent Enrollment](#).
- Explore internships and apprenticeships.
- Enroll in a [summer enrichment program](#) or get a summer job.
- Participate in extracurricular activities.
- 10th grade will participate in the [EPIC Career exploration](#) field trip at SCTCC

## In 11th Grade:

- Attend [college and financial aid events](#)
- [Take the optional PSAT](#) in the fall to identify areas where you need improvement.
- Register your [SCOIR Student Account](#) to start exploring colleges and take additional career and interest inventories
- Consider possible career options and investigate the education that is needed.
- Request materials from schools that interest you and visit [their websites](#).
- [Arrange campus visits](#) to those schools that interest you.
- Review your high school class plan. Take the most difficult classes you can handle. Stay focused on your schoolwork. Make sure you are meeting your [high school graduation requirements](#).
- Sign up for classes that will earn college credit during your senior year through [Concurrent Enrollment](#).
- Register for and take the [ACT](#) in the Spring.
- Research [private scholarship options](#).

- Participate in extracurricular activities.
- Attend the junior Spring Fling College and Career Fair at Holdingford
- Get a job to earn and save money for college or life after high school, or explore your skills through an internship or apprenticeship.
- Schedule a Junior Meeting with your school counselor in the spring to discuss your options even further.

## In 12th Grade:

- Schedule your senior meeting with your school counselor in September or October to discuss preparing for college and life after High School.
- [Visit the colleges](#) that interest you. It's okay to go more than once.
- [Select the schools](#) to which you will apply. Make a list of deadlines for each school and materials needed to apply.
- Request your high school transcript be sent to colleges which you've applied for by your school counselor through our [SCOIR college platform](#).
- Build up and prepare your professional and academic resume.
- Take or retake the [ACT](#) in the fall.
- [Attend a financial aid event](#).
- [Search and apply for scholarships](#). But [be aware of financial aid search companies](#).
- [Holdingford Endowment Scholarships](#) will be posted to the grade level counseling google classroom page sometime in January.
- Attend our FAFSA Student and Parent Information Night at Holdingford and [Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) online.
- [Review your high school class plan](#) to make sure you are on track to graduate.
- Participate in extracurricular activities
- Get a job to earn and save money for college, or explore your skills through an internship or apprenticeship.