

## 11th Grade Timeline

**Fall:** Make lists of your abilities, preferences, and qualities, as well as potential college majors, military branches, and where you may want to work after high school. Create a file to keep all of your documents in one place (applications, essays, test scores)—research options after high school. Take the PSAT. Visit the CC to ask about college rep visits, financial aid events, open houses, recruiting events, and more. Subscribe and read the CC newsletters.

**Winter/Spring:** Sign up to take the SAT if you are college-bound, research financial aid sources, and create a list of 15-20 colleges that may interest you. If you plan to play a sport in college, register with NCAA Eligibility center (ncaaclearinghouse.net). If you are planning to enter the military and are looking for a four-year ROTC scholarship, contact your counselor before summer break.

**Summer:** Update your resume to include all of your accomplishments and experiences since you started high school. You can use this to start looking for jobs. Start visiting colleges, speaking to military recruiters, and speaking to people in your intended job field to make sure you are on the right path. Keep an eye out for admission deadlines!

### Graduation Requirements

- 4 English Credits
- 4 History Credits
- 3 Science Credits
- 3 Math Credits
- 1 additional Math or Science credit (**not required for Tech students**)
- 0.5 Career Credits
- 2 Arts or Humanities Credits
- 1 Wellness or Fitness Credit
- 6.5 Elective Credits

Total: 25 Credits



### Graduation Project

Graduation projects are completed during junior year in your Literature Class. The project entails a job shadowing experience, so start thinking about careers you may be interested in pursuing after high school so that you get a valuable experience.

#### How can I stay Informed?

- Check your school email for important updates from class advisors, counselors, and teachers.
- Subscribe and read the monthly Counseling Center Newsletter and weekly Mustang Minute.

### Chapter 339

A state mandate that requires school districts in PA to prepare students for life after high school. By the end of your 11th grade year, you will have a career portfolio with 8 pieces of "evidence" to show that you have completed career activities, such as resumes, the ASVAB, Smart Futures assignments, and more.

### Keystone Testing

Students are required to take and pass the Keystone tests in Algebra, Biology, and Literature. This is a graduation requirement, so take the tests seriously! Students must test twice in each subject unless they earn proficiency.



### Military Information:

- Recruiters are in the cafeteria approximately once each month. You can ask them to meet with your parent/guardian.
- Ask questions and compare notes from different branches. ROTC scholarships may be available to top students.

### For Student Athletes:

Scheduling is a very important time for you for two reasons: 1.) You must be earning good grades to be eligible to play sports in high school and 2.) if you plan to play a sport in college, you must meet certain course requirements. Make sure to tell your counselor during your scheduling meeting if you plan to play a sport in college so we can make sure you have the right classes.

**See NCAA requirements handout, (available in the Counseling Center).**

### College Information:

- If you are interested in college, you should take the PSAT in October of your junior year. You can sign up in the CC. This will allow you to gain access to practice through Khan Academy.
- Take the SAT or ACT at least once during your junior year. It is given on Saturdays. Make sure to register early! Deadlines are 4-6 weeks before the test date. **Make sure to check which tests your desired schools accept!**
- College reps come to see students throughout the fall. Pay attention to announcements to see which schools will be here and when. Sign up in Flextime if you are interested!

## Helpful Resources

### Career Resources

[www.apprenticeship.org](http://www.apprenticeship.org)  
[www.pacareerzone.org](http://www.pacareerzone.org)  
[www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

### Military Resource

[www.usafa.af.mil](http://www.usafa.af.mil)  
[www.airforce.com](http://www.airforce.com)  
[www.usma.edu](http://www.usma.edu)  
[www.usna.edu](http://www.usna.edu)  
[www.navy.com](http://www.navy.com)  
[www.cga.edu](http://www.cga.edu)  
[www.gocoastguard.com](http://www.gocoastguard.com)  
[www.goarmy.com](http://www.goarmy.com)

### College Resources

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)  
[www.act.org](http://www.act.org)  
[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)  
[www.niche.org](http://www.niche.org)  
[www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

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