

# HIGH ROCKS TIMELINE FOR COLLEGE READINESS

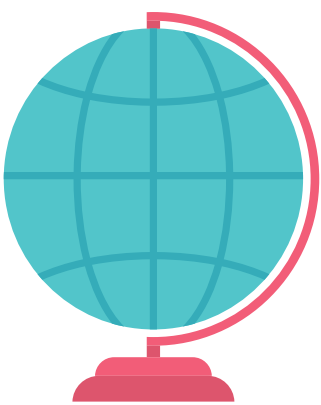


## 7th and 8th Grades

### DREAM BIG

Explore a wide range of career opportunities. Try job shadowing. Learn how to write a great email. Ask for support.

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## 9th Grade

### START HIGH SCHOOL STRONG

Choose a challenging but manageable schedule of classes. Join an extracurricular activity. Start building your activities resume.

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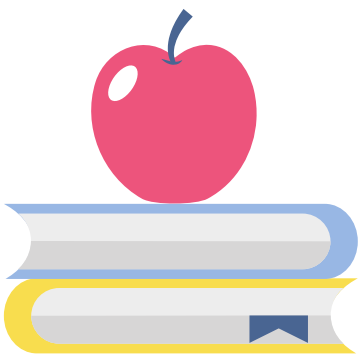


## 10th Grade

### BEGIN YOUR SEARCH

Build your list of colleges. Join a free High Rocks college trip to visit campuses. Meet students, professors, and admissions staff. Ask lots of questions!

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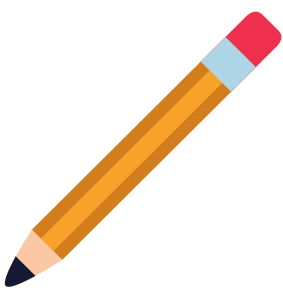


## 11th Grade

### TEST TAKING

Study for and take the SAT and/or the ACT. Advocate for a fee waiver. If you can, take the tests more than once.

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## Summer Before 12th Grade

### WORK ON APPLICATIONS

Finalize your college list and start applying. Work on your personal statement. Ask teachers for recommendations.

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## 12th Grade

### PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Finish up your applications and start focusing on financial aid. Fill out the FAFSA. Fill out the CSS Profile. Talk to your caregivers about their financial situation--you will need their information to complete financial aid processes. Also, start applying for scholarships!

CONGRATULATIONS! TIME FOR COLLEGE.

