4-YEAR PLANNING CALENDAR

FRESHMAN YEAR

1. Enroll in a challenging curriculum and achieve your best - This is the foundation year of your Barstow transcript
2. Attend a college fair - All local fairs will be listed on the College Counseling Calendar
3. Become involved in activities that showcase your skills and passions (Robotics, B-Line, BTVN, athletic teams, etc.)
4. Attend the clubs & organizations fair in early fall to become involved in the many extra-curricular activities sponsored in the Upper School (meaningful involvement in 2-3 organizations rising to a leadership position is what colleges look for and prefer)
5. Perform service hours in an area of interest while helping those who need it most (hours start accumulating the summer prior to 9th grade)
6. Attend Information Night for Juniors and Parents held in the Spring
7. Summer Reading Recommendation: "Colleges That Change Lives" by Loren Pope
8. Maintain a portfolio and/or resume of all achievements, honors, and leadership positions

JUNIOR YEAR

1. Participate in test preparation exercises and take the PSAT/NMSQT in October, while continuing to complete standardized testing
2. Utilize Spring Break and/or summer to visit schools you may be considering
3. Continue to network with college admissions representatives at Barstow and attend local college fairs (KC Private High Schools Fair, National College Fair, Shawnee Mission College Clinic, National Visual & Performing Arts College Fair)
4. Consult with College Counseling Office to see if you should register for SAT Subject Tests. Include Barstow's CEEB code (261-605)
5. Attend Information Night for Juniors and Parents held in the Spring
6. Student and parent(s) meet with college counselors in the spring of the Junior year
7. Begin building a well balanced list of possible colleges - Think about those factors that are important to you (academic program, location, size, cost, etc.)
8. Construct resume to assist you when completing college applications (include personal areas of interest)
9. Consider possible research opportunities, internships and programs to take advantage of over the summer.
10. Carefully and thoughtfully complete both the Senior Challenge and Parent Insight Form online
11. Create a Common App account: www.commonapp.org
12. Potential college athletes should register with the NCAA Eligibility Center

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

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SENIOR YEAR

1. 1st quarter & 1st semester (mid-year transcript) grades are extremely important - continue to impress
2. Continue to network with college representatives at Barstow and attend local college fairs
3. Complete standardized testing in the fall
4. Narrow college choices and verify deadlines for applications and merit based scholarships
5. Decide if “Early Decision,” “Early Action,” or “Single Choice Early Action” are options you might pursue
6. Attend to deadlines for your applications - Give thought and advance notice to core teachers writing letters of recommendation
7. Apply for need-based financial aid (FAFSA) as soon after October 1 as possible (www.fafsa.gov), many colleges also require the CSS Profile
8. Schedule a mock interview to prep for on-campus & alumni interviews
9. Make plans to visit college campuses to make a matriculation decision
10. Make a final choice and notify school(s) no later than May 1, the candidate reply date
11. Finish your high school career with style by working hard second semester
12. Forward AP scores or college transcripts to your institution

SOPHOMORE YEAR

1. Network with the 140 college representatives that visit Barstow each fall
2. Prepare for the PreACT (Fall) and PSAT (Spring) - Discuss results with parents and the college counselors
3. Continue to inject rigor into your curriculum when appropriate
4. Begin the self-evaluation process by identifying your goals, strengths, values & interests
5. Register online for the June or July ACT: www.actstudent.org/start. Include Barstow's CEEB code (261-605)
6. Continue involvement in extracurricular activities with the hope of landing leadership positions
7. Visit a college over Spring Break
8. Consult with College Counseling Office to see if you should register for SAT Subject Tests. Include Barstow's CEEB code (261-605)
9. Prepare for Advanced Placement (AP) test(s) when appropriate