

Dublin High School Year by Year To-Do List

Please check out the grade level power points posted on the Dublin High School Counseling page Follow Dublin High School Counseling on Twitter or Facebook. Also check your parent/student portal for important information/updates.

Freshman Year

- Participate in clubs, sports and other extra-curricular activities
- Visit the College and Career Center- college visits, career exploration, "Get Set"
- Make good/healthy decisions about sophomore year schedule
- Select sophomore classes by only taking accelerated courses if you have a PASSION and ABILITY in the area! Your teachers will recommend you for sophomore classes based upon your performance as a freshman.
- Remember that the University of California only "weights up" 8 semesters of classes to calculate your GPA!
- Apply for CSF in January (does not count towards CSF life membership - auxiliary membership only)
- Visit college campuses
- Establish a history of community service, regardless of your diploma option
- Keep a file or journal of special milestones and experiences
- Take notes in class
- Review notes from class
- Access teacher websites to ensure that deadlines are met and student understands teacher expectations
- Complete ALL homework - practice is essential!
- STUDY - it's different from doing homework
- Students check the campus portal on a weekly basis to track their grades
- If they have questions/concerns about a class, speak directly with the teacher
- Consult counselor if needed AFTER teacher meeting has been held
- Establish a history of good grades
- Seek additional support from the tutors in the HUB
- Hold on to ALL WORK until the end of the semester!
- If there is an error in a grade book posted online, see the teacher right away.
- Do your best on the PSAT (October), generously donated by DPIE

Sophomore Year

- Take the PSAT in October, courtesy of DPIE - and do your best
- Tri-Valley College Fair at Amador Valley High School on 10/22 from 6:30 - 8:30
- Visit the College and Career Center
- Meet with your counselor to review/update 4-year plan
- Make good/healthy decisions about Junior year schedule
- Visit colleges
- Keep up your grades!
- Understand what colleges are looking for so that you can plan accordingly, having time to devote to extracurricular activities, volunteering, and leaving time for yourself to manage stress
- Sign up in the College and Career Center to hear college speakers and visit colleges
- For students who took Trig/Precalculus, Honors Chemistry or AP Chemistry this year and who may want to major in a STEM subject in college, take the SAT Subject Tests (Math II or Chemistry). Take the Math II in early spring and the Chemistry test in May.

Junior Year

- Attend Junior Prep for College Night Part I on 10/3/18 at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union
- Visit campuses/attend Open Houses and sign up in College and Career Center to attend college presentations from admissions representatives at DHS

- Attend Tri-Valley College Fair at Amador Valley High School on 10/22/18 and Financial Aid Night at DHS on November 14th (6:30 p.m., Student Union), as well as Community College Night on January 23rd (6:30 p.m., Student Union)
- Attend Junior Prep for College Night Part II on March 27, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union. Juniors have a two part series of presentations, the first part emphasizing the above. The second evening will cover the following: creating a good list of where to apply, how to do this, college essays/prompts, a "To Do" list for second semester/summer. In the first presentation we covered the differences in university systems, community college, admission rates, "best bets", SAT/ACT, and other pertinent topics.
- Start thinking about what you are looking for in a school/program/major
- Start looking for scholarships (check on college and DHS websites) and discuss finances as a family
- Follow Mrs. Nobida on social media for scholarships, college rep visits etc. at Twitter (DUBLINHS_CCC)
- Facebook- DUBLIN HIGH SCHOOL and COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER
- Take the ASVAB if planning on going into a military service
- If planning on attending a four-year college/university, take the SAT and ACT with Essay/Writing, ideally twice at least. Remember to complete any subject tests for STEM majors that colleges might like to see (Math 2, Biology, Chemistry, Physics.)

Senior Year

- Attend Senior Night on 9/19/2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union. Information will be presented on the following: community colleges, writing college essays, California State University, University of California Application, out-of-state college and the Common Application. For four-year college-bound seniors, they are encouraged to do the following:
 - Take/retake the SAT/ACT (superscoring vs. single best sitting)
 - Finalize your college list and go over this list with your counselor (reach, "pretty sure", backup)
 - Start their applications and essays and review with their counselor once all data is inputted to ensure correctness.
 - If need letters of recommendation, follow guidelines on DHS website
 - For community college bound students, go to January Community College Night on January 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Union
 - Continue to seek help if needed in HUB; senior grades COUNT
 - Attend Financial Aid night on November 14th, 2018 (6:30p.m. in the Student Union.) Start FAFSA in October. (ALL students)
 - Do the CSS Profile for schools that require this.
 - Get recommendation materials to recommenders well in advance
 - After you apply, create an account on the college's portal if instructed to do so, and check weekly for updates/documents needed
 - Send SAT/ACT scores to colleges
 - Send AP scores, if any, to colleges once you commit (May 1st is National Day of Intent to Register deadline) – ALL seniors
 - Inform colleges who have accepted you if you do not plan to attend (courteous)
 - Continue to check DHS scholarship website (College and Career Center) – ALL seniors
 - Apply for scholarships on college websites for schools where you are applying – ALL seniors
 - Check DHS Counseling Department Facebook, as well as student portal, for information – ALL seniors
 - Maintain grades – a D/F in senior year can disqualify a student who was conditionally admitted
 - Make sure that you have backup schools/plans!
 - If applying for an apprenticeship, start this process well in advance. There is often a long waiting list.
 - Military recruits: check in with your recruiter, maintain your grades.

- All students: if you receive a scholarship, get the scholarship letter to Mrs. Nobida by her deadline so that you can be recognized at the Senior Awards Night