

# What do Colleges Consider?

The college requirements/application process is unique per school and program. The only way to know specifically what a school is looking for is to hear directly from the college or university.

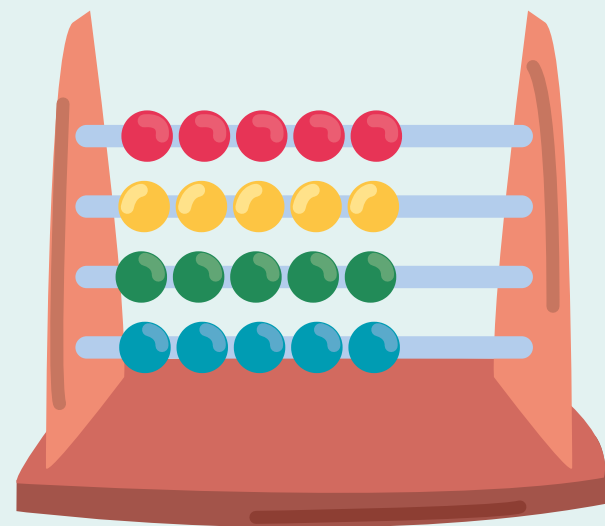
*It's important to remember that no one person is constantly perfect in all areas. We all have strengths, stories, and experiences which have impacted us. How we handle these experiences and grow from them make us who we are.*

## GPA

Each semester grade is listed on the transcript and averaged.

*HSPVA is on a weighted 4.0 scale.*

Numerical Grade	Academic Courses	Honors/AP Courses
100 - 90	A=4.0	A= 5.0
89 - 80	B=3.0	B=4.0
79 - 75	C=2.0	C=3.0
74 - 70	D=1.0	D=2.0
69 and below	F=0	F=0



## CHALLENGE

Find your strengths and push yourself to excel in that area.

This can include taking higher level classes or finding other ways to push yourself.



## GRADES

Shows focus and responsibility as well as your readiness to move forward and be successful



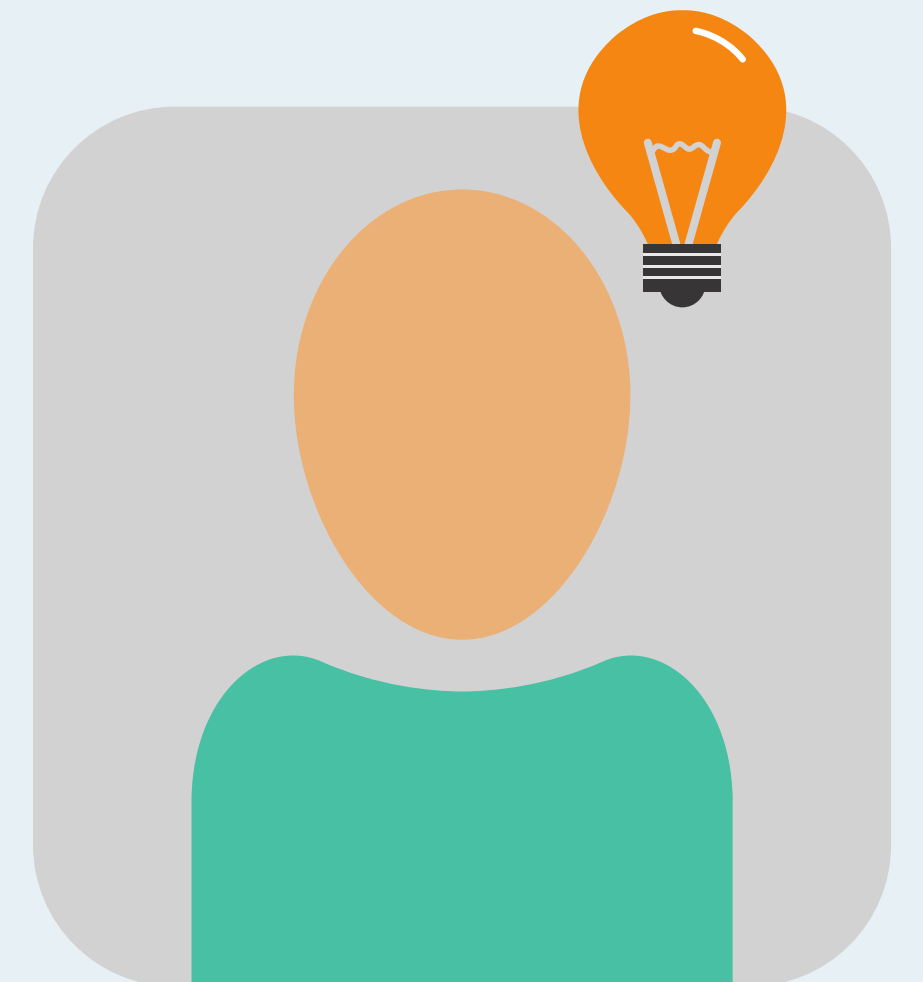
## INVOLVEMENT

How do you utilize your time?

*Try heavy involvement in 1-2 areas rather than a little involvement in multiple areas.*

*This can include:*

- Family responsibilities
- Job
- Volunteering
- Mentoring
- Leadership



## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FROM TEACHERS AND COUNSELORS

Take time to build relationships with your teachers and counselors. This helps them share lovely stories about what kind of student and person you are.



## WHAT TO THINK ABOUT NOW IN 10th GRADE?

Do you want to continue with your art area as a career?

Do you want to choose another career but still continue your art at the same time?

Are your interests and strengths taking you in a different direction from your art?

Take some time for self-reflection, what have you learned about yourself this past year?

- List a strength
- List an area in which you would like
- How can you make that a goal?



## ESSAYS

Take time for self-awareness and build your personal narrative. This is your chance to shine and become a complete person rather than just a number.

Tell your story, reflect on your growth, share who you are.



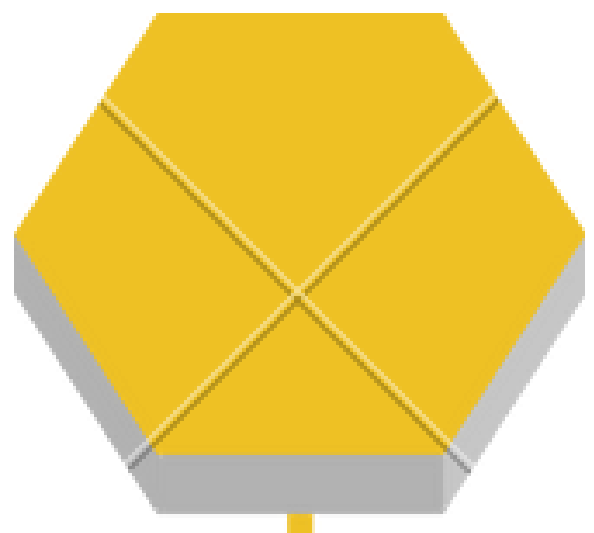
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Below is a brief timeline of what to expect for college preparation.

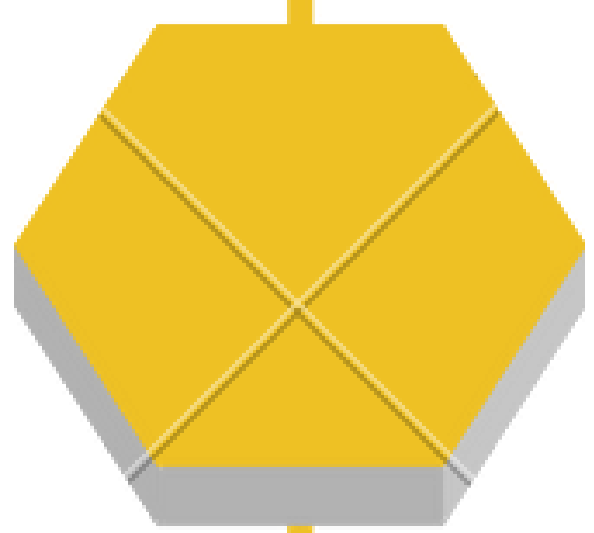
A more detailed timeline for each grade level is listed on the [HSPVA.org](http://HSPVA.org) website



PSAT Fall of 9th /10th/11th  
Grade



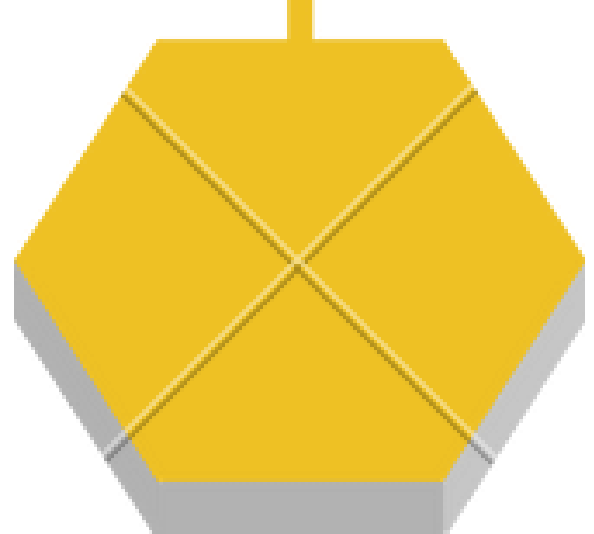
Spring 9th/10th/11th Grade  
Course Requests  
with Updated Transcript



SAT Spring of  
11th Grade



Fall 12th Grade  
Apply to Colleges  
and Scholarships



Spring 12th Grade  
College Decisions