

The process of choosing, enrolling in, and starting college is a long and confusing prospect for many students and parents. Here at Heritage we desire to help you through the process by being proactive in getting information to you.

College Planning Suggested Timeline

Grade 9

- Work hard in your classes, participate in extra-curricular activities, pursue what interests you in and out of school.
- Freshman year grades DO matter to colleges and DO figure into your GPA.
- Take the Classical Learning Test 10 at HCCA.

Grade 10

- Continue to work hard in your classes, participate in extra-curricular activities, pursue what interests you in and out of school.
- Look for and take advantage of leadership opportunities in and out of school.
- Take the PSAT in October at HCCA. Review your score report in December.
- Take the Classical Learning Test 10 at HCCA.
- Visit a few local colleges of varying sizes and settings to get a sense of what environments might be a good fit for you.
- Consider enrolling in a test-prep course or working through a test-prep workbook, for either the ACT or SAT.
- Take the ACT during second semester.

Grade 11

- Take the PSAT in October at HCCA. Review your score report in December.
- Take the ACT in February and consider taking it again in April or June.
- Take the SAT in March and consider taking it again in May if your school requires the SAT.
- Attend the Christian College Fair typically in November at Living Word Christian School or the Saint Louis National College Fair in October.
- Visit college campuses over spring break and over summer break.

Grade 12

- Work on Applications/essays/supplements for your desired schools.
- Research the deadline for priority application at your desired schools. Meeting this deadline gives you maximum scholarship consideration.
- Request teacher recommendations as needed.
- If needed, take ACT in September and/or take the SAT in August or October.
- Take the Classical Learning Test at HCCA in May.
- Parents should file financial aid paperwork in October (FAFSA).
- Choose a college or university by May 1st.

