

# Freshmen Year Timeline

## FALL/SPRING

- ❑ Work with your counselor to choose a schedule that fits your academic level and interests.
- ❑ Get involved: Extracurricular activities (both school and non-school) are an important part of high school. Make the effort to get involved with groups, clubs, or teams that interest you. These activities are fun and make you a well-rounded student.
- ❑ Get off to a good start with your grades because they will impact your GPA. Although college seems like a long way off right now, grades really do count toward college admission and scholarships.
- ❑ Use [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://www.californiacolleges.edu) to explore your interests and possible careers. Start thinking about various careers you would be interested in learning more about.
- ❑ Build your credentials! Keep track of academic and extracurricular awards, community service achievements, and anything else you participate in, so it'll be easier to remember later. It'll come in handy when you want to highlight your accomplishments—such as when you're filling out college applications or creating a resume.

## **SUMMER**

- ❑ Use [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://www.californiacolleges.edu) to start a list of colleges that might interest you.
- ❑ Begin to get a feel for college life. Visiting relatives or friends who live on or near a college campus is a great way to get a sense of what college is like. Check out the dorms, go to the library and student center, and walk around the campus.
- ❑ Make summer count. There are plenty of ways to have fun and build your credentials during the summer, such as volunteering, getting a job, or signing up for an enrichment program.