**LANSING HIGH SCHOOL**

**COLLEGE & CAREER TIMELINE**

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**9th & 10th GRADE**

- Explore career options by taking interest/skills assessments on Naviance and talking with your school counselor
- Talk with your parents about saving and paying for college
- Be involved! Participate in extracurricular activities and community service/volunteer opportunities. Explore internships, apprenticeships, or summer enrichment programs. National programs can be found on Naviance
- Review your high school plan with your school counselor
- Do well academically. Your grades are an integral part of the college application process

**11th GRADE**

- Attend college fairs and information sessions: [nacacnet.org/COLLEGE-FAIRS/](http://nacacnet.org/COLLEGE-FAIRS/)
- Meet with college representatives who visit LHS. Check Naviance for dates and times
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT in October to prepare for the SAT

**February & March**

- Explore SAT and ACT review programs. Use Method Test Prep in Naviance as well as your PSAT test booklet
- Meet with your school counselor to sign up for senior year courses. Pay attention to graduation requirements
- Use Naviance to review course selections
- Start your college search and research scholarships
- Take college entrance exams. Register at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org) for the ACT and [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) for the SAT

**April & May**

- Arrange visits to colleges that interest you through their Admissions Office. Check their “Open House” dates
- Register to take the ACT and/or the SAT if you have not already done so. This is done online at [actstudent.org](http://actstudent.org) for the ACT and [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org) for the SAT
- Register to take SAT Subject tests if you intend to apply to colleges which require them. [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)
- Start your college list. List these colleges in Naviance under "Colleges I am Thinking About"
- Stay focused! Regents and AP exams are coming up

**June & July**

- Continue to explore possible career options
- Participate in extracurricular activities and community service/volunteer opportunities
- Enroll in a summer enrichment program
- Get a job or explore your skills through an internship
- Research private scholarship options
- Narrow your college list down to 6
- Create a resume in Naviance
- Review the Common Application and individual college applications. Review essay questions and begin your essay. Many applications are available early August

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**NCAA/STUDENT ATHLETES**

Athletes interested in playing Division 1 or Division 2 athletics in college should meet with their counselor and coaches to ensure that they will meet NCAA eligibility requirements. Sophomores and juniors can register at [eligibilitycenter.org](http://eligibilitycenter.org)

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[naviance.org](http://naviance.org) is a website that you can use when making decisions about courses, careers, & colleges
See your counselor to receive your code/username

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[connection.naviance.com/lansinghs](http://connection.naviance.com/lansinghs)
12th GRADE

- Stay focused on your school work. Senior year counts
- Continue exploring careers and majors
- Continue participating in extracurricular

September – November

- Attend your “senior meeting” with your school counselor
- Begin completing the Common Application for participating colleges at commonapp.org. For other colleges, use the application found on their website
- Complete the Senior Fact Sheet which your school counselor needs to assist them in writing your recommendation. This survey can be accessed on Naviance under “About Me”
- Ask two teachers for a letter of recommendation. You must notify teachers 3 weeks before to your first deadline. For Jan. 1 deadlines, ask teachers no later than Dec. 1
- Apply to 5-8 colleges
- Meet Early Decision and Early Action deadlines
- Take the ACT or SAT. Take SAT Subject Tests if required
- Meet with college representatives who visit LHS. See Naviance for dates and times
- Sign the Privacy Agreement (FERPA) in the Common Application and link with Naviance
- Work on your college essays. Have your English teacher review your work
- If applicable, fill out and submit the CSS PROFILE, a financial aid application required by certain colleges profilename.collegeboard.org.

December – February

- Continue applying to colleges with later deadlines
- Research scholarships offered by the colleges
- Apply for a PIN for you and your parent/guardian for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. This can be done before January 1
- Apply for Financial Aid by completing the FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1. This is based on the previous year’s income tax information. It is recommended to complete the application before Feb 1, and ideally no later than March 1
- Once you have filed your FAFSA, review the Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy

March – June

- Choose a college by May 1, National College Decision Day
- Let your colleges know if you will not be attending
- Send in any required forms or deposits
- Send thank you cards to teachers who wrote you a recommendation
- Send your final transcript to the college you will attend
- Inform your school counselor of college decisions
- Complete the graduation and senior scholarship application survey on Naviance

Summer

- Get a job and earn money for college
- Review college orientation information
- If living on campus, check with the college for a list of what you will need to bring and contact your roommate

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