

Summit Classical Christian School

College Planning Timeline



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GRADE 9

- Do your very best academically. Your grades will now be listed on your official transcript that will be sent during the college admissions process.
- Attend the "9th Grade Welcome" during orientation in the fall. This meeting will review [upper school graduation requirements](#). If you have further questions, schedule a meeting with an academic advisor (Mrs. Harris or Dr. Cooper) to consider your upper school credit requirements and your path to graduation.
- Begin tracking your courses for graduation using the [4-Year Course Planner](#).
- Participate in extracurricular activities. This includes clubs, sports, music, drama, student council, house leadership, church/volunteer service, etc. Each of these activities will enhance your student profile for college admissions.
- Take a career interest inventory. This is a great time to consider your interests, gifts, and abilities and see how God may use them for His glory! Some great resources for career exploration are [Washington Career Bridge](#) and the College Board search tool, [Career Finder](#).

GRADE 10

- Continue to be diligent in your studies.
- Explore college and career/technical school options online (or visit!) with your parents. Utilize college search websites such as [Big Future](#) and [College & Career Compass](#).
- Attend a local college fair. There are several options you can research, but one favorite is the [National Christian College Fair](#).
- Take the CLT10 (Classical Learning Test). This test will be administered in school in April. Score reports will help as you consider areas of improvement in preparation for the CLT in 11th grade.



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- Take a practice standardized test ([CLT](#), [SAT](#), and/or [ACT](#)) at home. Although many colleges do not require test scores for admissions at this time, these scores can be helpful to earn scholarships at many schools.
- Consider leadership opportunities (president of a club, member of student council, lead role in play, captain of a team, etc.). This will help to make your college application profile shine.

GRADE 11

- Work hard to earn your strongest grades.
- Take the [PSAT](#) test in October. All juniors will automatically be registered by Summit to take the PSAT. This test is not only great practice for the SAT, but can also qualify you for the National Merit Scholarship.
- Meet with Mrs. Harris for your “Senior Planning Meeting” (signups will be available beginning in January). This is an opportunity for you and your parents to review your upper school transcript, complete course planning for Senior year, and ask college/career exploration questions.
- Attend a local college fair if you haven’t already. A great option is the [National Christian College Fair](#).
- Narrow down your college/technical school interests to 3 top schools. If admissions is competitive in your choice schools, consider adding 2 more “safety” options to your list. Then, plan a visit! You can contact an admissions counselor at each school to schedule a tour. Some colleges even offer special dates for prospective students.
- Take the [CLT](#) test. In the 2022-2023 school year, we are offering the CLT test in school at Summit on February 16, 2023 and April 26, 2023. Test registration can be completed with Mrs. Harris or Dr. Cooper.
- Take an [SAT](#) and/or [ACT](#) test during the spring of your junior year. This is optional for college admissions, but may help you earn scholarships. You must complete your own registration for these tests online.



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- If you are interested in the military, register for the [ASVAB](#) test. This test will assess your strengths and help connect you to recruiting officers to learn more.
- If you are considering athletic scholarships for college, begin talking to your coaches about the process now.
- Get to know your teachers and consider who might write a letter of recommendation for you for college admissions.
- Participate in a summer internship, part-time job, or volunteer work. This is a great opportunity to strengthen your resume for college.

GRADE 12

- Continue to strive for academic excellence!
- If you are interested in attending college, enroll in math and science courses during your senior year even if you already have enough credits for graduation.
- Apply for college. Deadlines for applications can be as early as October. Check your individual colleges for specific application requirements and deadlines. Your college of choice may even utilize [Common App](#), a tool that consolidates the college application process.
- Complete the [FAFSA](#). This is the first step to financial aid in college. This application opens in October.
- Research scholarship opportunities. The best options are through the specific college financial aid offices. However, there are scholarships through local businesses, extracurricular activities, and even companies where your parents work. Use search engines to discover [scholarships](#) and make sure not to miss application deadlines.
- Retake a CLT, SAT, and/or ACT test in the fall. Many colleges will take your top scores for admissions or scholarships.
- As acceptance letters and financial aid options arrive, consider with your parents the best choice for your next step after high school.



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- Get your senior pictures taken and order graduation announcements.
- Finish strong and enjoy your final year of upper school. You did it!