

# 4-Year CCR Timeline for Families

Each of the four years of high school is critical in a student's journey to be ready for their postsecondary next step. Each year has key components, decision points, and experiences that build upon one another; many higher level courses, work-based learning opportunities, or program acceptances require prerequisite class completion, developed skills, or prior experiences. If a student misses requirements or deadlines during one school year, it is very challenging to make up for the missed opportunities without compromising their overall options.

Having families understand the importance of these different steps and overall timing of when decisions occur dramatically increases the likelihood that students will fully engage in the steps to graduate on time as well as be ready for the college or career choice they make after graduation.

However, many of these deadlines, course pathways, or career-based opportunities are unfamiliar for families. The high school CCR experience has dramatically changed in just a generation.

Because of this, sharing a timeline with families of the critical steps and decision points for each school year can positively impact engagement and completion rates. It can be helpful to share the timeline with families at the beginning of each school year so they understand the full CCR picture, how each year fits with the following, and can review whether their student is on track and what is coming next. Be sure to align your school or district's cadence of events and calendar with the Family Timeline. It can also be helpful to include information for a school contact families can reach out to if they have questions or are concerned their student missed a component of the CCR timeline.

## Freshman Year

- Goal Setting Activities
- Meeting with School Counselors for Individualized Planning
- Extracurricular Signups
- Spring Course Selection
- Clubs & Student Government
- Elections
- Service Hours Due
- College and Career Fairs
- End-of-Course Exams
- Industry Certification Tests
- AP tests

## Sophomore Year

- Meeting with School Counselors for Individualized Planning
- PSAT Date
- Clubs & Student Government
- Elections
- Service Hours Due
- College and Career Fairs
- Spring Course Selection
- Deadlines for Dual Enrollment
- Work-Based Learning and Internship Sign-Up/Applications
- Industry Certification Tests
- End-of-Course Exams
- AP tests

## Junior Year

- Meeting with School Counselors for Individualized Planning
- PSAT Date
- SAT & ACT Dates
- Clubs & Student Government
- Elections
- Service Hours Due
- College and Career Fairs
- Spring Course Selection
- Deadlines for Dual Enrollment
- Work-Based Learning and Internship Sign-Up/Applications
- Industry Certification Tests
- End-of-Course Exams
- AP tests

## Senior Year

- Meeting with School Counselors for Individualized Planning
- Review
- Work-Based Learning and Internship Sign-Up/Applications
- SAT & ACT Dates
- Writing Application Essays
- FAFSA Application Open
- Service Hours Due
- College and Career Fairs
- Deadlines for College Applications (Early and Regular)
- Decisions; State University and College Deadlines)
- Scholarship Deadlines
- Industry Certification Tests
- End-of-Course Exams
- AP tests