

KIPP Through College

College Planning Timeline for Juniors

General Important Reminders

- KEEP YOUR GRADES UP! You need a 3.0 GPA to be eligible to apply to the University of California (UC).
- Create a professional email to use on your college applications.
- Make sure that your MySpace/Facebook page(s) are professionally appropriate. Admissions officials will check your page!
- Check your email and mail on a regular basis – this is how colleges communicate with applicants.

Month	Topic / Responsibility	Deadline
Aug. 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purchase text books for upcoming year, if necessary. • Create a transportation plan (i.e. how you will get to school every day on time) for the upcoming school year. • Visit local colleges and universities. • See guidance counselor (students should be in at least five academic classes and on-schedule for graduation) and ask your counselor the twenty questions (SEE QUESTION LIST). • If you are an athlete, research university sports rosters to determine your competitiveness in your sport. • If you are involved in sports or the visual/performing arts, especially in the fall, you need to start making a recruiting tape or creating your portfolio. • If you have a learning difference or receive special education services, speak to your counselor about checking in/updating your IEP/504 Plan. You can get extra time on standardized tests, but you need to complete required paperwork. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 1st • August 1st • Ongoing • August 31st • August 31st • August 31st • August 31st
Sept. 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign up for extracurricular activities. • As you prepare for each of your courses, determine which might be subjects on which you will take the SAT subject tests at the end of the year. Remember, you need at least two test results to be eligible for the UC's. • Remember that you can only take the Spanish with Listening SAT subject test in November! If you are fluent in Spanish, you should take that test. The deadline is usually at the end of September. • Register for the PSAT (check in with school counselor to register). • Purchase SAT test prep book. Start creating vocabulary flashcards and working at least 1 hour per week on SAT / PSAT test prep. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • Ongoing • End of September • Varies by school • Ongoing

Oct. 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You will need to ask one or two junior teachers for letters of recommendation next fall. Keep that in mind as you are in their classes this year! Continue building a relationship with your counselor—he/she is going to be writing a letter of recommendation for you to get into college. Make sure to see your guidance counselor for an end of the quarter check-in. Take the PSAT. Apply for Discovery Card Scholarships for Juniors — need at least a 2.7 GPA. Students must demonstrate community service, leadership, and have overcome a challenge. Attend college fairs. Attend meetings with college representatives who come to visit your high schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing End of 1st Quarter Oct. 14th & Oct. 17th January 31st Ongoing Ongoing
Nov. 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research summer opportunities (including internships, volunteer opportunities, etc.). Research colleges of interest on the internet. Make list of your abilities, preferences, and personal qualities and list things you may want to study and do in college. Apply for scholarships geared towards Juniors (See attached list). Continue to do well in all of your classes. You need at least a 3.0 to apply to UC! Attend college fairs. Attend your school's financial aid night. If you are involved in sports or the visual/performing arts, especially in the winter, you need to start making a recruiting tape or creating your portfolio. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 31st Ongoing Nov. 30th Varies by schlrshp Ongoing Ongoing Varies by school November 31st
Dec. 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and apply for summer enrichment programs. Research colleges of interest on the internet. Update/revise list of your abilities, preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college. Study for your final exams. You need at least a 3.0 to apply to UC! Community service and/or test prep during winter break. Attend college fairs. Attend your school's financial aid night. Your PSAT score sheet should have arrived. Meet with your counselor to go over your scores. Your scores will enable you to register for College Quick Start. It will help you review career and college plans. Register for College Quick Start. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varies by program Ongoing Dec. 31st Varies by school Varies by school Ongoing Varies by school Mid-Dec. End of December

Jan. 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and apply for summer enrichment programs. • Research colleges of interest on the internet. • Update/revise list of your abilities, preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college. • Continue to do well in all of your classes. You need at least a 3.0 to apply to UC! • Research test preparation for the SAT. Meet with your counselor to see what your school may offer. • Meet with your counselor to review your first semester grades. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan. 31st • Ongoing • Jan. 31st • Ongoing • Varies by school • Jan. 31st
Feb. 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Register for the SAT (aka SAT Reasoning Test) to be taken in May, and for the April ACT. • Continue to research colleges of interest on the internet. • Create an updated resume including community service, language skills, important awards, and summer programs. • Begin a test preparation class for the SAT. • Meet with your guidance counselor to begin going over your preliminary college list. Make sure that you have schools that fall into three categories: reach, target, and safety schools. • If you are involved in sports or the visual/performing arts, especially in the spring, you need to start making a recruiting tape or creating your portfolio. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar. 25th/Mar. 5th • Ongoing • Feb. 28th • Varies by program • Feb. 28th • Feb. 28th
March 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin looking for summer jobs, if applicable. • Register for the SAT II (Subject Test) in June. • Update/revise list of your abilities, preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college. • Continue to do well in all of your classes. You need at least a 3.0 to apply to UC! • Plan, if possible, a local spring break college trip. If not, go to www.freecollegevideos.com. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 30th • April 29th • March 31st • Ongoing • March 31st
April 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research summer opportunities. • Research colleges of interest on the internet. • Take the ACT, if necessary. • Meet with your counselor to create a rigorous (honors, AP) class schedule for your senior year. Review graduation requirements and make sure you are on track to graduate on time! Begin creating a preliminary college list. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 30th • Ongoing • April 10th • April 30th
May 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue gathering information on colleges of interest to you. • Study for finals! • Meet with your counselor to create a preliminary college list. • Take the SAT. • Ask one or two teachers if they would be willing write letters of recommendations for scholarships and colleges next year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • Varies by school • May 31st • May 1st / 2nd • May 31st

June 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take the SAT II (i.e. Subject Tests). • Prepare for summer college visits. • Take a look at the common application and UC/CSU application. Familiarize yourself with the applications. • Work on your personal statement. Create a draft and bring it to your counselor before the end of the school year. • Make up any credits for graduation and college applications, if necessary. • Research summer opportunities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 5th /6th • June 30th • June 30th • Mid-June • June 30th • ASAP
Summer 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research colleges of interest on the internet. • Make a list of your abilities, preferences, and personal qualities. List things you may want to study and do in college. • Prepare for the SAT and ACT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • August 1st • Ongoing
Aug. 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with counselor to verify class schedule and A-G requirements. Make sure you can apply to UC/CSU! • Register for the September ACT. • Continue to prep for the October SAT. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 31st • Early August • Ongoing
Sept. 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet with counselor to finalize college list and inform KIPP Through College of the list. • Continue to do well in all of your classes. You need at least a 3.0 to apply to UC! • Continue to work on your UC personal statement. • Continue to work on private school essays. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept. 30th • Ongoing • Nov. 30th • Varies by college
Oct. 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin applying to CSU (deadline November 30th) and private schools. • Take the SAT/SAT II, if needed. • Apply for scholarships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov. 30th • Oct. 9th/10th • Jan. 31st
Nov. 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make sure test scores are sent to colleges and universities. • Take the SAT/SAT II, if needed. • Begin applying to UC (deadline November 30th) and private schools. • Continue to do well in all of your classes. You need at least a 3.0 to apply to UC! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check school deadlines • Nov. 6th / 7th • Nov. 30th • Ongoing
Dec. 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAT/SAT II, if needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dec. 4th / 5th
Jan. 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin working on FAFSA for state/federal financial aid. • Continue to do well in all of your classes. You need at least a 3.0 to be eligible for UC! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 2nd • Ongoing
March 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to do well in all of your classes. You need at least a 3.0 to be eligible for UC! • College decisions letters begin arriving. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 31st • Ongoing
April 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appeal any admissions decisions and/or negotiate financial aid packages as necessary (note: UC has a short turnaround time – approximately two weeks). • Decide on the college in which you plan to attend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varies by college • Check school deadline

May 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue to do well in all of your classes. You need at least a 3.0 to be eligible for UC!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ongoing
June 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduation!!!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mid-June
Spring / Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attend your college's freshman orientation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Varies per school