

11th Grade College and Career Timeline Template

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Welcome to your sophomore year at Frederick Douglass High School/Carter G. Woodson Academy! Use this template to stay on track with your individual college and career goals. You may update this document as you like to align with your postsecondary goals.

Words of Encouragement

Junior year is a pivotal point in your college and career journey. By utilizing the resources available at Frederick Douglass and Carter G. Woodson, and by staying focused and organized, you can put yourself in a strong position for success. Remember, your hard work and dedication will pay off!

Fall Semester

August/September:

- ☐ **Personalized Plan:** Start creating your personalized postsecondary plans and goals in Elevate.
- ☐ **Counselor/College & Career Coach:** Discuss your college plans and financial aid options with your counselor or College and Career Coach.
- ☐ **Standardized Testing:** Take the ACT, PSAT, or SAT if you haven't already. Consider a prep course if needed. *Keep an eye out for the FCPS Family and Community Engagement College Awareness Program.*
- ☐ **College Search:** Continue researching colleges, review/update your college wishlist, and start planning campus visits.
- ☐ **Junior Class Meeting:** Attend and pay attention to the information and resources provided at the Fall Junior Class Meeting. This meeting will provide helpful tips and resources to ensure a successful Junior year and assist with postsecondary planning.

October:

- ☐ **Continue College Research:** Refine your college list based on your research and interests.
- ☐ **Scholarships:** Register for scholarship/financial aid workshops and start applying for scholarships. Be sure to monitor the [FDHS/CGWA Scholarship List](#) on a regular basis.
- ☐ **Financial Aid:** Familiarize yourself with financial aid options like KEES.
- ☐ **CCR Mondays and Events:** Attend CCR Mondays and register for College & Career Readiness Events at [bit.ly/CCREvents](#).
- ☐ **College Application Week:** Participate in college application week activities at your school.
- ☐ **AP Exams:** Decide if you'll take AP exams in May, considering your academic goals and college preferences.

November:

- ☐ **Summer Programs:** Explore summer enrichment and honors programs like Governor's Scholars, Arts, or Entrepreneurs.
- ☐ **KHEAA Resources:** Review KHEAA's [The College Circuit](#) publication.



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Spring Semester

January:

- ☐ **Senior Year Courses:** Sign up for AP, dual credit, or co-op courses you plan to take in senior year. *Reference:*
- ☐ **Resume Update:** Review and update your resume to reflect your academic achievements and extracurricular activities.

February:

- ☐ **Summer Plans:** Secure a summer job, internship, or co-op opportunity.

March:

- ☐ **Rising Senior Success Meeting/Closing the Deal College & Career Fair:** Attend the FDHS/CGWA Rising Senior Success Meeting and Closing the College & Career Fair to make sure that you're on track to complete your junior year postsecondary planning goals and get a jumpstart on your Senior year.
- ☐ **Career Exploration:** Continue exploring potential careers using Elevate's Pathful Explore. *Reference: Think about what career you may like and explore careers through Elevate's Pathful Explore.*
- ☐ **Job Shadowing/Volunteering:** Consider shadowing a professional in your field of interest or volunteering to gain relevant experience.

April/May:

- ☐ **Elevate Badge:** Complete all requirements for your 11th-grade Elevate badge.
- ☐ **College Applications:** Finalize your college wishlist and review college applications by deadlines. The Common App and most college applications will be available on August 1st.
- ☐ **Financial Aid:** Continue researching and applying for scholarships and grants.

Additional Tips:

- Maintain strong academic performance throughout your junior year.
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers and counselors who know you well.
- Proofread your college application materials carefully before submitting.
- Manage your time effectively and stay organized throughout the application process.
- Get in the habit of checking your email on a regular basis.
- Continue to build positive relationships with teachers and student support staff.
 - Schedule an appointment with the Student Support Team at bit.ly/fdhsrequestcounselor.

Notes:



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