



CCS 10th Grade Calendar: Planning for Graduation & Beyond

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SEPTEMBER

- Welcome back! Give this year your next effort!. You only have two years to get your transcript ready for college and only three years until graduation!
- Your Class follows the [Permanent Graduation Requirements](#). What you do each year will impact your ability to graduate on time- know how to earn your diploma!
- Choose classes that are challenging. They prepare you and look good on your college applications.
- If you need or want a change to your schedule, see your counselor ASAP!
- Make a good first impression on your teachers- start strong with good behavior and completed assignments. Attempt all assignments (**there's a huge difference between a 0% and a 50%**).
- Make sure you attend school every day (it may mean the difference between passing and failing). Once we are back in person, if you are absent, make sure to bring a signed excuse from a parent to school within two days of your absence, otherwise your absence will be marked *unexcused*.
- If you are an athlete, make sure you understand what you need to do to remain eligible during high school ([OHSAA > Eligibility](#)), and review the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#) website for what you must do NOW to be eligible for future collegiate athletics!)
- Get involved- stay involved! Choose and/or maintain at least 1-2 extra-curricular activities. Once it is safe again, get involved in your community too. These activities build your resume, prepare you for careers and increase your chances for scholarships.
- Need help with classes, college planning or personal issues? Make sure to check in with your school counselor for confidential help!
- Find out who your I Know I Can college guide is and introduce yourself. Start planning for college!
- Talk to your teachers/school counselor about your academic progress or any problems you might be having. Make a plan NOW to achieve your goals. **Track your grades in IC your student and parent portals.**

OCTOBER

- All 10th graders will take the PSAT in mid-October. [Find out more about this test and prepare!](#)
- Look into CCS career center programs and/or career pathways at your high school! When you complete these programs, you could graduate with college credits and you are ready to work and/or continue in college. Sign up to take career center tours with your school.
- Use your **SchoolLinks** site to help you explore your strengths, college & career interests and potential college matches. You can access this at home!
- Need tutoring options and/or help with study skills? Check the resources [HERE](#).
- Make a calendar and to-do lists to keep up with your assignments/ important dates.
- Review your interim grades and current grades. Now is the time to seek help if you are not succeeding or doing as well as you could. See your counselor and/or teachers for support.
- **Sign up to take the December ACT and/or SAT if you will be applying to take College Credit Plus classes during your junior year!** You might need these scores if you apply to certain colleges (OSU) February 1.

NOVEMBER

- Take part in College, Career and Service Month activities at school and talk about your plans with your family.
- Keep developing your interest in extra-curricular and community activities. Colleges look for students who are involved, who have a highly developed talent or skill, and who have attained **leadership positions**.
- Attend Parent/Teacher conference with your parents.
- Attend CCS Career Center visits.
- Attend a district College Credit Plus: Earning College Credits in High School meeting with your parents (dates and times TBA on [CCS site](#)). Learn how you can earn college credit while you're still in high school! Required for all students and parents planning on CCP participation during next school year!
- Sign up for and attend **career center visits** with your school.

DECEMBER

- Look for opportunities to talk to college students who are home for the holidays, especially if they attend a school you are interested in attending. Attend the IKIC Alumni College Day at your school.
- Catch up on assignments over winter break. Improve your final grades before the end of the semester!
- Take career, personality and college inventories on your SchoolLinkssite.
- Keep a list of all your high school and community activities- it's easy to forget these accomplishments by the time you apply for colleges and jobs!

JANUARY

- Study for any final exams- Semester 1 final grades are coming soon!
- Continue to work hard in the classroom and to improve your grades. Meet with your teachers and counselor for extra help and advice.
- Find out what you need to do to prepare for future tests (End-of-Course Exams, ACT and SAT) and how to improve your test scores. Visit the [Resources](#) site for more information and test prep.
- Read your CCS freshman & Sophomore Update. Get info. on test prep, college opportunities and course planning.
- Get off to a strong start in the second semester- you're already halfway done!
- Meet application deadlines for career center programs.
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FEBRUARY

- Know how to calculate your grade point average (GPA) and how colleges interpret it.
- Attend Parent/Teacher conferences with your parents.
- Research and apply to summer enrichment programs and/or summer work programs. Find resources [HERE](#).

MARCH

- Complete your Course Planner in SchooLinks- this is how you will request classes for senior year! You will get help with this during a classroom lesson.
- When you are signing up for classes for next year, make sure you are on track to graduate (ask and then listen to your counselor). Classes you sign up for should be challenging!
- Create an academic plan for the rest of high school and make sure you schedule 11th grade classes that prepare you for your college and career goals.
- Explore financial aid and scholarship opportunities so that you will know far in advance of your senior year what is expected of you. Learn the specifics about financial aid such as grants, loans, work study, and scholarships. Check out the [total cost of attendance](#) for a college that interests you.
- Start and maintain a college savings account. Every little bit helps!
- Look for summer enrichment programs held on college campuses- attend the CCS Summer Engagement Fair (TBA). Look now for summer jobs and internships. Colleges look for students who use their summers to develop themselves academically and socially.
- Attend spring college fairs (see College Fair calendar or ask your counselor).

APRIL

- For students who want to take college courses (CCP) next school year, return College Credit Plus Intent to Participate forms to your counselor by the April **1 deadline**! Make sure to follow all college requirements (on your own) and let your counselor know.
- Finish the year strong. Study for final exams. Continue to seek help from your teachers.
- Go on a college tour over break- even if it is to a college close by!
- Create a resume in your SchooLinks or OhioMeansJobs site for summer opportunities. Use your family and social connections to find a summer job.
- End of Course exams (April- May for English II, American History and Biology + any needed retakes for Math I).

MAY/SUMMER

- Don't have a summer job or enrichment program yet? Keep looking! Volunteer! Don't just sit around and watch TV.
- Schedule summer classes for any courses that you failed or want to retake. Do not wait. Waiting only puts you farther behind- especially in math and science courses! You can still improve your GPA and knowledge base if you start now. You can also attend summer school to take classes you won't have time to take next year.
- Register for the Summer Ohio Graduation Tests prep sessions and tests if needed. Talk to your counselor about the tests you need to retake! Summer is a great time to focus and pass these graduation tests!
- Read! Read what you like, just read! It will pay off.
- **Keep talking to the adults in your life about your choices after high school- college (either two- or four-year), apprenticeships, a year of volunteer service and/or the military are all great options!**