

College Process Timeline:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Adjust to high school ➤ Earn best grades possible ➤ Get involved in activities outside the classroom such as school clubs, athletic teams, and community service. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Build relationships with teachers who may serve as recommenders ➤ Earn the best grades possible ➤ Stay involved in activities ➤ Take the PSAT for the 1st time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Earn the best grades possible ➤ Stay involved in activities; take on leadership positions. Explore possible internships and work experience ➤ Take the PSAT for the 2nd time. Take the ACT or SAT starting in the second semester ➤ Receive access to Naviance, online organization tool ➤ Research colleges that fit the criteria you are looking for in a college ➤ Visit colleges and take official tours ➤ At the end of the year, confirm 2 teachers will write recommendations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Earn the best grades possible ➤ Stay involved in activities and continue to explore internship and job opportunities ➤ Retest ACT/SAT if student only took it once in 11th grade ➤ Finish visiting colleges and taking tours ➤ Complete and submit college applications during the fall semester ➤ Fill out the FAFSA for financial aid in January ➤ Complete scholarship applications as per stated deadlines ➤ Make a deposit to hold college spot by May 1

The #1 way for students to stay informed about the college process is to consistently read their erhsnyc.net email for messages from Ms. Cohen. Every deadline and recommendation for how to make the process go smoothly will be shared via email.

The costs associated with applying to college can be very high – but fee reductions and waivers are available for students that qualify. **Completing the confidential school lunch application every year helps to determine eligibility.**

All colleges will accept the SAT and the ACT – students should pursue the test where they score the highest.

Colleges see final grades on the transcript for grades 9-11. They do not see marking period grades from grades 9-11.

All students have two private college counseling meetings with Ms. Cohen to talk about college, one in the spring of 11th grade and one in the fall of 12th grade. Parents/guardians are invited to the meeting and translation services are available. Students and parent/guardian(s) have access to Naviance account (an online college application process organization tool).

Students have the opportunity to meet with college representatives who visit ElRo during the school day. The school calendar has a list of these visits. Students who have the visiting college listed in their Naviance account will also receive email notification of the visit.

Additional Resources:

- Naviance website <http://connection.naviance.com/erhsny>
- College Board Search Tool: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- Project Gateway at the Chinese American Planning Council – Bilingual Chinese College Counseling Services – 150 Elizabeth Street
- Elro College Counseling blog: www.elrocollegecounseling.blogspot.com

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