

# IT'S A PLAN × NACAC

## STEP BY STEP CURRICULUM MATRIX

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	MIDDLE SCHOOL	EARLY HIGH SCHOOL	LATE HIGH SCHOOL
<b>ACHIEVE</b>			
Do well in school.	<b>Session 4, Activity 2.</b> Making the Most of the High School Experience		
Take the right classes.	<b>Session 4, Activity 1.</b> Planning for the Future	<b>Session 3, Activity 1.</b> Planning Your College Preparatory Course of Study <b>Session 3, Wrap-Up.</b> <b>Session 4, Recap Activity.</b>	
Get organized.	<b>Session 4, Activity 4.</b> Time Management	<b>Session 4, Activity 3.</b> Understanding the Big Picture	<b>Session 1, Activity 4.</b> What and When and Who?
Prepare for college admission tests.		<b>Session 3, Activity 2.</b> Standardized Testing <b>Session 3, Activity 3.</b> Practicing the SAT and ACT	<b>Session 2, Activity 1.</b> Understanding the Tests <b>Session 2, Activity 2.</b> Test Registration <b>Session 2, Activity 3.</b> Practice Session
<b>ENGAGE</b>			
Get involved.	<b>Session 1, Activity 2.</b> What Do You Like? <b>Session 4, Activity 3.</b> Getting Involved	<b>Session 4, Activity 1.</b> Translating Interests into Activities <b>Session 4, Activity 2.</b> Building Your Resume and Getting Involved <b>Session 6, Activity 2.</b> Using Your Time Beyond the Classroom to Prepare for College	<b>Session 1, Activity 3.</b> Who Are You?
Spend time with good people.	<b>Session 1, Activity 1.</b> Peer Connections <b>A2.</b> Oral History	<b>Session 1, Activity 1.</b> Common Interests and Connections <b>Session 5, Wrap-Up.</b> <b>Session 6, Activity 1.</b> Finding Friends and Mentors on Your Path to College	<b>Session 1, Activity 4.</b> What and When and Who?
Make good choices.			

MIDDLE SCHOOL

EARLY HIGH SCHOOL

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EXPLORE

Explore college and career options.

**Session 1, Activity 3.** Making a Name for Myself  
**Session 2, Activity 1.** College Knowledge  
**Session 2, Activity 2.** Knowledge Is Power  
**Session 2, Activity 3.** Know, Want, Learn  
**Session 3, Activity 1.** Evaluating Your School Experience So Far  
**Session 3, Activity 2.** Getting to Know College Possibilities  
**Session 3, Activity 3.** Starting Your Search for the Right College  
**Session 3, Activity 4.** Using the Internet to Research Colleges  
**Session 5, Activity 1.** What Are Colleges Looking For?  
**Session 5, Activity 3.** Putting it all Together

**Session 1, Activity 2.** What Are Your Goals?  
**Session 1, Activity 3.** Why College?  
**Session 2, Activity 1.** Evaluating Your School Experience to Date  
**Session 2, Activity 2.** Getting to Know College Possibilities  
**Session 2, Activity 3.** Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About College but Were Afraid to Ask  
**Session 2, Activity 4.** Using the Internet to Research Colleges  
**Session 4, Activity 4.** Putting It All Together  
**Session 5, Activity 1.** Beginning the Search  
**Session 5, Activity 2.** Using College Viewbooks to Track Your Interest  
**Session 5, Activity 3.** Campus Visits and College Fairs  
**Session 5, Activity 4.** Filling Out an Application  
**Session 6, Activity 3.** Developing College-Readiness Problem-Solving Skills

**Session 1, Activity 1.** Where Are You?  
**Session 1, Activity 2.** College Means...: How Do You Define College?  
**Session 1, Activity 3.** Who Are You?  
**Session 3, Activity 1.** Making a Match  
**Session 3, Activity 2.** Researching Colleges  
**Session 4, Activity 1.** Setting the Stage  
**Session 4, Activity 2.** The Application  
**Session 4, Activity 3.** Teacher Recommendations  
**Session 4, Activity 4.** Interviews  
**Session 5, Activity 1.** Managing Expectations: Where Am I Applying? Which Admission Plan Is for Me?  
**Session 5, Activity 2.** The College Essay  
**Session 6, Activity 3.** Wrapping It All Up

Learn about paying for college.

**Session 3, Activity 2.** Getting to Know College Possibilities  
**Session 5, Activity 2.** Thinking Ahead: Paying for College

**Session 1, Activity 4.** College Costs and Increased Earnings.  
**Session 1, homework.** Paying for College Is a Family Affair

**Session 6, Activity 1.** Understanding Financial Aid  
**Session 6, Activity 2.** Using the FAFSA4caster