

College Admissions & Financial Aid Timeline

JUNIOR YEAR

September / October:

- Register and take the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) exam
- Attend virtual college fairs
- Check Naviance and online for scholarships (ongoing)

November / December / January / February:

- Review PSAT results with your counselor
- Consider taking an SAT preparatory course (community library, Stony Brook HCARE, online)

March / April / May / June:

- Register and plan for the SATs/ACTs – if you qualify for free/red. lunch make sure lunch form is completed for fee waiver
- Attend group Junior Conference class presentation
- Attend Virtual College Fairs
- Complete your Brag Sheet
- Start thinking of who you will request to write letters of recommendation
- Senior athletes: sign up with NCAA Clearinghouse
- Visit colleges during spring & summer vacations
- Plan to participate in enriching summer activities ASAP, such as volunteer work, acquiring a meaningful job or internship, enrolling in summer courses at college, etc.

September:

- Register and take SATs/ACTs— if you qualify for free/red. lunch make sure lunch form is completed for fee waiver
- Letters of recommendation – Request the teachers on Naviance – give copy of brag sheet
- Prepare your resume on Naviance
- NAVIANCE – Add colleges to “Colleges I’m Thinking About”
- Check Naviance and online for scholarships (ongoing)
- Attend Financial Aid Workshops

October:

- Schedule a Senior Conference with your counselor
- File FAFSA form as soon as possible after October 1st
- Sign up for College Application Week
- Attend college fairs and open houses at colleges
- Meet early decision/early action application deadlines
- File CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE if necessary

November:

- Narrow your choices to 5-8 colleges and review the list with your counselor
- Complete and submit online applications
- Move colleges from “Colleges I’m Thinking About” to “Colleges I’m Applying To” in Naviance
- Send your SAT and/or ACT scores to your schools
- Fill out a Transcript Request Form for each school, requesting counselor to send a transcript

December / January:

- Complete and submit online applications
- Attend On-Site Admissions – Ongoing
- Check college portals to make sure everything is submitted

February / March

- Be sure to hand in colleges’ mid-year report requests
- Notify your counselor of all scholarships, grants, awards and college acceptances

April / May:

- Reply promptly to colleges; notify them of your decision
- Fill out graduation survey on Naviance, indicating where to send your final transcript

June:

- Graduation 😊

SENIOR YEAR

