



GREENSBORO DAY SCHOOL

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COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR 2022-2023

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AUGUST

August 22-24

BCR Days

August 27

SAT Exam

SEPTEMBER

September 1

Senior Sweets **7:00 pm**

September 2

Last day to register for October SAT:
collegeboard.org

September 10

ACT Exam

September 16

Last day to register for October ACT:
ACT.org

September 28

Scholarship and Financial Aid
Program **7:00 pm**

OCTOBER

October 1

FAFSA open for submission
www.fafsa.ed.gov

CSS Profile

cssprofile.collegeboard.org

October 1

SAT Exam (ideal final test for a
senior, if necessary)

October 6

Junior Jumpstart I **7:00 pm**

October 7

Registration opens for Next Level
Test Prep (nlphio.com)

October 7

Last day to register for November
SAT: collegeboard.org

October 10

Complete all EA/ED applications

October 12

PSAT Exam at GDS

October 15

Early Action Deadline for UNC,
UGA, USC (South Carolina)

October 20

Parent Quarterly Coffee with
College Counselors **8:30 am**
(virtual)

October 22

ACT Exam

NOVEMBER

November 1

Early Decision/Early Action
Deadline (most colleges)

November 3

Last day to register for December
SAT (Juniors urged to register):
collegeboard.org

November 4

Last day to register for December
ACT (Juniors urged to register):
ACT.org

November 5

SAT Exam

November 29

Juniors start scheduling appointments
with your College Counselor

DECEMBER

December 3

SAT Exam
(all Juniors take the Exam)

December 6

Parent Quarterly Coffee with
College Counselors **8:30 am**
(virtual)

December 10

ACT Exam
(all Juniors take the Exam)

December 15

Early Decision/Early Action
notifications begin

December 19 - Jan 3

Winter Break
(visit colleges if possible)

JANUARY

January 1

Regular Decision application
Deadline

January 4

Second Semester Begins

January 6

Last day to register for February ACT:
ACT.org

January 15

Early Decision 2 Deadline

FEBRUARY

February 2

Junior Jumpstart II **7:00 pm**

February 3

Junior parents schedule family
meeting with college counselor

February 10

Last day to register for March SAT:
collegeboard.org

February 11

ACT Exam

February 14

Parent Quarterly Coffee with
College Counselors **8:30 am**
(virtual)

February 15

Early Decision 2 notifications begin

MARCH

March 7

10th Grade Family Program
7:00 pm

March 10

Last day to register for April ACT:
ACT.org

March 11

SAT Exam

March 23

Pre-ACT Exam at GDS (tentative)

March 28

8th and 9th Grades Family Program
7:00 pm

APRIL

April 1

Regular Decision notification for
most schools

April 7

Last day to register for May SAT:
collegeboard.org

April 7 - 16

Spring Break
(visit colleges if possible)

April 15

ACT Exam

April 20

Parent Quarterly Coffee with
College Counselors **8:30 am**
(virtual)

April 27

College shirt photo day

MAY

May 1

National college decision deposit
day - final day to pay college deposit

May 1 - 5

First week of AP Testing

May 4

Last day to register for June SAT:
collegeboard.org

May 5

Last day to register for June ACT:
ACT.org

May 6

SAT Exam

May 8 - 12

Second week of AP Testing

May 26

Graduation

JUNE

June 3

SAT Exam

June 10

ACT Exam



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A GREAT COLLEGE IS...

1. ONE WHERE YOU CAN GET IN.

I'm not suggesting that any school that wouldn't admit you simply isn't a good choice. But much as a romantic interest isn't your soul mate if the interest isn't returned, a college isn't a truly great choice unless it's one that admits you. Make sure the bulk of your list is comprised of schools that will say yes.

2. ONE WHERE YOU CAN BE HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL.

I know this means looking into the future. But if you approach your college selection process with this metric in mind, you'll move past things like rankings, what your friends tell you, and other factors that don't actually measure the quality of a college for you.

3. ONE THAT YOU CAN AFFORD.

You don't know for sure whether or not you can afford a college until your financial aid package arrives. But as I've written before, affordability is part of fit. And a strong argument can be made that a college isn't a great college for you if you end up taking on debt that will take you 30 years to pay off after you graduate.

Put another way, if you can't get in, if you won't be happy and successful once you're there, and/or if you can't pay for it, it's not a great college. It might still earn a place on your list. But approaching your college search with these three elements in mind will ensure that you end up with plenty of great college options from which to choose.

From the Collegewise blog

GRADES MATTER, BUT SO DO OTHER THINGS...

- Establish a relationship with your advisors and teachers; everything you do in school gives teachers content for their letters of recommendation
- Check in with your college counselor
- Record your story and update your Naviance resume
- Schedule college visits in-person and online
- Have honest conversations with your parents about what you want in a school
- Get involved with activities that you feel passionate about
- Research colleges, ask questions and take notes
- Challenge yourself to go beyond your comfort zone
- HAVE FUN!**