



College Planning Checklist



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| September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop time management skills to assist you throughout high school Choose 2 to 3 extracurricular activities that interest you and expand your personal and academic skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain consistent in participating in 2 to 3 extracurricular activities Continue enhancing time management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create your student and parent FSA ID Research college fly-in programs Take a career assessment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin meeting with the college counselor each week about your college process Submit your requests for recommendation letters to the 2 core teachers of your choice |
| October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop positive working relationships with your teachers Seek help/tutoring for areas of concern Meet with counselor to map out high school requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create short and long term academic goals for the school year Meet with your counselor to see what HS pathways are available to you | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply to college fly-in programs Begin to look and apply for scholarships available to juniors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retake the SAT Apply to a college fly-in program Apply Early Decision or Early Action to the school that is a realistic top choice for you. |
| November | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore possible career interest Visit a local college open house or campus during Thanksgiving Break. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin informally preparing for the SAT and ACT through free online programs and applications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speak to counselor about programs such as Questbridge and Cooperman | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin your essays for big scholarships Begin speaking to parents/ guardians about realistic options for college in terms of location and finance |





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| December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start a college savings account or begin looking into scholarships options | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue practicing financial responsibility and money management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue working on financial responsibility Continue relationship building with teachers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply to EOF, transitional and/or honors programs for schools listed on your college list Submit your FAFSA SUBMIT YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS- Regular Decision |
| January | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a buildable, high school resume Apply to enrichments, internships, or jobs for the summer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to update your HS resume | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update your high school resume. Apply to enrichment and internship opportunities for the summer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update your high school resume Ensure you are aware of upcoming senior events |
| February | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-evaluate your study habits and time management skills. If you are still struggling in your courses, seek immediate help! | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-evaluate your study habits and time management skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to gather financial documents needed for FAFSA Actively participate in SAT and ACT testing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research college scholarships for books and other necessities you will need for college. |



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| March | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin to prepare for the NJSLA assessment. This will help you determine areas of growth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare for the NJSLA assesment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Familiarize yourself with naviance Begin rough draft of personal statements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begin reviewing your college acceptances. If you have been wait listed for a school, this is the time to contact the admissions counselor |
| April | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure end of year grades are up to par by finishing the quarter strong. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit a local college fair to see explore additional colleges and what they offer in regards to support and financial aid. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with your counselor to make sure you are on track Prepare for NJSLA and any AP exams | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commitment meeting with your counselor and guardian to decide which school you will be attending |
| May & June | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final meeting of the year with counselor to ensure you are on track | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final meeting of the year with your counselor to ensure you are on track | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Finish revising your personal statement Reach out to teachers that you have positive working relationships with and begin to create recommendation request letters | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 1st is the deadline to decide which college you will be attending and pay your deposit GRADUATION! |

