

12th Grade College Checklist

Discover what you should be doing this year to prepare for college "1,2,4 or more"!

FALL

- Finalize Your College List:** Use tools like [Big Future](#) and college websites to assist you. The general rule is select no more than 3-4 colleges. Make sure you have a balanced list of an academic safety, fit, and reach schools.
- Attend the Salt Lake City College Fair** in- and out-of-state colleges: Saturday, September 30, 2023 11-3:30 pm, Westminster College
- Stay on top of College Admissions Dates/Deadlines:** Use the in-state Admission & Scholarship Deadline handout found on our [Counseling Center Webpage](#) and out-of-state college websites.
College/Deadline: _____
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- Letters of Recommendation:** Most colleges do not require them. If required, go to our [Counseling Center webpage](#), fill-out/turn-in the needed "letter of recommendation form" and give your recommender at least 3 wks to complete.
- Retake the ACT and have your scores sent to your selected colleges if needed:** <https://www.act.org/>
Next ACT testing date/registration deadline: _____
- File your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** as early as December 1: For assistance attend our FAFSA Info Night, see our College Access Advisor in the Counseling Center, and/or go to [Keys To Success](#).
East FAFSA Info Night: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 5:30-7:30 pm, East Computer Lab, Rm 2006
- Get help Applying to Colleges:** through AVID, GEARUP, or our College Access Advisor, and by attending our **Utah College Application Week** – November 7th-9th, 2023
- Request an Official Transcript** to be sent to each college you apply to by going to [East High's website](#), click on Students, [Student Records](#), and then follow the instructions. You don't need to request transcripts for schools on the [Common App](#) (e.g., UofU). Transcripts are sent to Common App schools when counselors do their part.
- Get help Researching and Applying for Scholarships:** through AVID, GEARUP, College Access Advisor, and our Scholarship Advisor; and by going to free websites like [fastweb.com](#), [USHE State Scholarships](#), [Keys To Success](#), etc.
Scholarship/Deadline: Opportunity Scholarship - opens January 2, 2024, final deadline March 20th, 2024
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- Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE):** possible out-of-state tuition reduction within the western region.
- To play NCAA Division I or II college sports** you must meet their minimum [academic requirements](#) and apply through their [Eligibility Center](#).

SPRING

- Consider Visiting Colleges** you've been accepted to determine your best fit. You will be notified of admission acceptance typically by email or the college's own application portal, and then later by mail.
- Accept Admission by the Deadline:** Each college will have a deadline for students to make a final admission decision. They may require you to pay a registration deposit at that time.
- Setup and regularly check your college email account** because that is how they will communicate with you after you accept their admissions offer.
- Sign up for Freshmen Orientation** at your college as soon as possible (typically in the early summer).
- Request your Final Transcript** to be sent to the college you will attend before you graduate by going to [East High's website](#), click on Students, [Student Records](#), and then follow the instructions. If you are going to a Common App school let your counselor know what school he/she should submit your final transcript to.

- Attend East High's Decision Day Activities** typically in May and celebrate your bright futures together!