

# High School Senior Year

# Timeline



## September

Get excited for Senior year!

Sign up for your senior interview:  
Double check grad requirements,  
discuss post high school options,  
make a preliminary college list.

Create calendar of admissions and  
financial aid deadlines.

Plan final campus visits.

Register for Oct, Nov, or Dec test  
dates if retaking ACT or SAT.

Request recommendations.

Draft college application essays.

## October

Work hard in your classes.

Attend admission rep visits.

Polish essays begin supplemental  
essays (if applicable)

Finalize list of schools to apply to.

Complete Early Decision and/or  
Early Action application(s) if  
applying early.

Watch for counseling updates and  
plan on attending College Planning  
Night.

Start watching for deadline to  
apply for Senior Shortened Day.

## November

Nov. 7-9th: Submit public KS  
college applications and fees will  
be waived

Prepare to submit regular decision  
applications in advance of  
deadlines.

Clean up social media accounts.

Research and apply for  
scholarships.

Take care of your health.

Enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving break  
with friends and family.

## December

Complete FAFSA

Follow up with requested  
recommendations.

Send test scores and transcripts.

Complete applications and  
supplements.

Submit applications before winter  
break so you can enjoy the  
holidays!

## January

Submit applications to colleges  
with late deadlines.

Send semester transcripts if  
needed.

Follow up with your schools to  
make sure your applications are  
complete.

Check counseling websites for  
scholarships.

## February

Stay engaged with high school  
(watch out for senioritis)

Continue to check back and apply  
for scholarships.

Start thinking about graduation  
plans.

Keep up with and enjoy extra  
curricular activities.

## March

Compare financial aid awards.

Think about summer (job?  
internship? volunteer? travel?)

Make graduation arrangements  
with friends and family.

Focus on self-care.

Enjoy spring break!

## April

Attend "admitted student" events at  
colleges you are considering.

Decide whether to accept waitlist  
spots (if offered)

Keep grades up --the college you  
accept will require a final transcript.

Get excited for Senior Awards and  
graduation!

## May

Take AP tests (your college may  
accept scores make sure to check  
at chosen schools)

Inform those who wrote  
recommendations of your choice  
and write thank you notes.

Research first-year housing options;  
connect with potential roommates.

Prepare for finals.

Happy Graduation!