

Senior Checklist

September

- ☐ Register for the ACT (www.actstudent.org)
- ☐ Make a list of colleges you are interested in
- ☐ Fill out college applications (request transcripts)
- ☐ Start college application essays (talk to English teachers)
- ☐ Set up an appointment with counselor for letter of recommendation
- ☐ Research scholarships offered by the colleges interested in

October

- ☐ Apply for financial aid on October 1st at fafsa.ed.gov
- ☐ Attend FAFSA night at PRHS- October 12th, 6p-7p.
- ☐ Take the ACT- Oct. 22nd
- ☐ Review scholarships, info is found on the Park Rapids HS website
- ☐ Visit colleges you are interested in
- ☐ Go to the Academic Advisor's webpage on the HS site (<https://www.parkrapids.k12.mn.us/domain/129>) to request transcripts and view scholarships
- ☐ Attach copy of current activities or resume when asking counselor or teacher for recommendation letter
- ☐ Most early admission application deadlines are in November
- ☐ Take ASVAB- Oct. 18th

November

- ☐ Continue visiting colleges
- ☐ View deadlines for scholarships and apply for them
- ☐ Submit college applications

December

- ☐ Continue visiting colleges
- ☐ Submit all college applications

- ☐ Talk with parents/guardians about financial aid application and complete if not started

January

- ☐ Submit additional scholarship applications
- ☐ Review deadlines for admissions and scholarships

February

- ☐ Watch for admission decision letters from colleges
- ☐ Check deadlines for housing and financial aid
- ☐ Talk to teacher about AP Calculus exam
- ☐ Continue filling out scholarship applications

March/April

- ☐ Check with financial aid offices to ensure they have all information
- ☐ Continue to watch for admission decision letters from colleges
- ☐ Review financial aid packages and evaluate offers
- ☐ Report scholarships received to your college's financial aid office
- ☐ Apply for any additional loans (such as PLUS or alternative loans)
- ☐ Decide on your college
- ☐ Register for AP Calc Exam (if applicable)
- ☐ Complete reciprocity form if going to WI, ND or SD

May

- ☐ Take AP Exam
- ☐ Send Concurrent Enrollment & PSEO college transcripts to college you're attending
- ☐ Notify schools you applied to, but not planning to attend
- ☐ Graduation!

Summer

- ☐ Prepare budget for college
- ☐ Attend college orientation and registration programs