



SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE



SEPTEMBER

- Make a list of test names, fees, deadlines, and deadlines for college admissions and financial aid applications.
 - Register for SAT/ACT if you plan to attend a 4 year college.
Check college requirements.
 - SAT/ACT not required for UC and CSU applicants
 - Attend Fall college rep visits at Vanden
 - Review CSU/UC majors
 - Begin applying for Scholarships
 - Check the Scholarship Bulletin frequently for updates
 - Prepare your resume for teachers and your counselor, used for letters of recommendation
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OCTOBER

- Register/Take the SAT/ACT if needed
 - Work on admissions application essays.
 - Visit your top school choices.
 - Interview some students, faculty and staff if possible.
 - Find out which financial aid applications your college choices require and when the forms are due. Some private universities may require that you register for CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE.
 - CSU application filing period begins October 1st. Begin preparing your college applications.
 - Attend an application workshop with counselors for assistance at lunch.
 - Weekly bulletin announcements and reminders
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NOVEMBER

- Take the SAT/ACT exam if necessary.
 - UC application filing period open November 1-30.
 - Complete college applications.
 - Most applications due by November 30
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DECEMBER/JANUARY

- FAFSA scheduled to open December 2023
 - Work with your parents or guardians to fill out your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 2
- Continue Scholarship search



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FEBRUARY

- Complete your FAFSA if you have not already done so.
 - Apply to an Assist-A-Grad scholarship! Have your personal essay, resume and letters of recommendation prepared.
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MARCH

- Complete FAFSA by March 2 for priority deadline
 - Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail. Your SAR contains federal financial aid information.
 - Attending a Community College? Start the application process and schedule an appointment with a community college counselor.
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APRIL

- Watch the mail for acceptance letters and financial aid award letters.
 - Compare the financial aid awards you receive.
 - Choose a school and send in a deposit before the deadline.
 - Check with the college you've chosen about the details of signing and returning financial aid award letters.
 - Notify the other schools that you will not be attending.
 - Watch for important deadlines (housing, financial aid, etc.) at your chosen college.
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MAY/JUNE

- Prepare for your AP exams and complete your AP tests
- Cross everything off your graduation checklist
- Work hard on your Senior Finals
- GRADUATE

**Final high school transcripts will be sent to the college/tech school of your destination in mid June. Please make sure you make an official request through Parchment on the Vanden website.

**You must also send your AP scores to your college destination.