

Countdown to College Checklist

Junior Year:

September - January

- Plan family college discussions
- Research and Visit Colleges

February-April

- Register for SAT/ACT for May/June exam dates
- Scheduling for your senior year
- Compare college admission requirements to your current courses and your schedule for senior year
- Plan College Visits
- Begin searching for scholarships

May-June

- Take SAT/ACT
- Take Advanced Placement (AP) exams, if applicable
- Begin requesting your letters of recommendation
- Add activities to your resume in Naviance
- Visit Colleges
- Consider post-graduate options if you are not planning to attend college

Summer

- Practice for SAT/ACT
- Start working on your college application essays
- Begin narrowing down your college list

Senior Year:

September

- Discuss your senior classes and college plans with your school counselor
- Verify that your transcript is accurate
- Plan college visits
- Register to take SAT/ACT, if applicable
- Request your letters of recommendation through Naviance
- Guidance Department begins hosting College Visits—Pay attention to announcements
- Senior college application process meeting for parents—Date to be announced
- Register with NCAA if you plan on playing college sports: www.eligibilitycenter.org

Senior Year Continued

October

- Financial Aid night for parents—Date to be announced
- Continue visiting colleges
- Early Decision candidates should complete their college applications
- Begin filing FAFSA

November

- Continue working on college applications
- Pay attention to Early Application Deadlines**

December-January

- Complete school applications ideally by December 1
- Start filling out Local Scholarships on HS Website
- Pay attention to Early Application Deadlines**

February-March

- College decisions begin rolling in
- Respond quickly to requests for additional documentation

April-May

- Carefully analyze your financial aid award letters
- Make a decision- Most colleges request your reply and deposit by May 1st
- Notify other colleges that you won't be attending with a thank you letter/email
- Take AP exams, if applicable

Summer

- Attend college orientation
- Finalize your budget
- Send thank you notes to individuals who helped you in the application process
- Get ready for an amazing experience!
- Send AP Scores and Dual Enrollment College Credit Courses to your future college