

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.

Create FAFSA ID, opens 12/1.

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.

November

Prepare to submit regular decision applications in advance of deadlines.

Schedule virtual or in-person interviews (if applicable).

Clean up social media accounts.

Research and apply for scholarships.

Start watching for deadline to apply for Senior Shortened Day.

Take care of your health.

Enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving break with friends and family.

December

Submit FAFSA 12/1

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!