



## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Post-Secondary Planning Timeline

(Finalize & Initiate Post-Graduation Plans)

### FALL

- Parents Attend College Process and Financial Aid Night or Alternative Post-Secondary Plan
- Finalize Potential Colleges and Recommendation Letters
- Individual Senior Conference with Parents and Counselor to Review Naviance and College Application Process
- Parents Complete [FAFSA](#) Forms Online by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>
- If Needed Take SAT, ACT, and SAT Subjects. Students Send Scores to Colleges.
- Meet with College Representatives and Attend Local College Fairs PACAC and NACAC

### WINTER

- Research and Follow Up on Scholarships
- Decide on Early Acceptance
- Follow Up on Submitted Applications
- Register for AP Exams
- Upon Request of the Colleges, Submit Mid-Year Grades
- Monitor Grades and Graduation Requirements Throughout the Year

### SPRING

- Parents and Students Compare Financial Aid Packages and Reach Out to Each College's Financial Aid Office If Additional Resources Are Needed
- Check Your Email/Portal for Acceptance Letters and FAFSA Acknowledgments
- Make College Acceptance Decision by May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Take AP Exams (Where Applicable)
- Update Naviance/Family Connection with Application Statuses (Accepted/Declined/Attending) and Complete Senior Survey

### PRE-GRADUATION/SUMMER

- Decide on Housing and Meal Plan Options
- Prepare A Checklist of Essential Items Needed for the College Move
- Identify Personal Needs and Locate College and Community Resources
- Counselors to Advise Parents of Students with 504 to Contact College's Academic Resource Center for Disability Services
- Become Familiar with College Handbook
- Understand and Research the Local Community, Check Out City or Township Website
- Find Out Who Your College Advisor Is
- Reach Out and Get to Know Your Roommate