

To Do List - Senior Year

- Study and Read! Do your best work. Your courses and grades in the two senior semesters are vitally important for college acceptance! Colleges will see your final semester grades even after you have been accepted. All acceptances are PROVISIONAL, depending upon successful completion of your senior year. Senior year can make or break admissions decisions.
- Always check the Counseling Office Webpage and Naviance for up-to-the-minute news (Test Dates, Visitation Programs, Scholarship and Financial Aid info, etc.).
- Draft Registration: Each male must register within 30 days of his 18th birthday. Failure to register is a felony. Register at www.sss.gov or at the Post Office. You will not be eligible for financial aid if you do not register.
- Athletes, be sure to register on-line with the NCAA Eligibility Center at www.eligibilitycenter.org, if you have not yet done so.

September

- Encourage your parents/guardians to attend the Senior Parent Meeting on August 29 at 6:30 in the USCHS Theater.
- Submit a "Consent to Send Electronic Transcript" form. The form can be found in the "Document Resources" section at the bottom of your Naviance homepage or on the counseling website under "Resources". Submit the form to the Counseling Office as soon as possible. We cannot send transcripts without this release.
- Complete your Naviance Graduation Requirements, Student Profile, and update your resume. You can find the links to these tasks in the "Senior" box on your Naviance homepage.
- Contact the admissions office at your schools to inquire if SAT/ACT scores are necessary. If you have scores you want to send, you must do this yourself via the College Board or ACT websites.
- The SAT exam will be administered at USCHS on November 9. The ACT is given in September and October at other schools in the area.
- Request and begin preparing your applications; be aware of all DEADLINES!
- Meet with college representatives visiting USCHS.
- Take one more look at your schools by visiting again. Follow school policy by completing a Pre-Approved Educational Trip Form, available on the counseling website or in the Attendance Office.
- Speak to your teachers and request letters of recommendation.
- Begin investigating scholarship opportunities and financial aid options.
- Add all colleges to which you will be applying to Naviance in the "Colleges I am Applying To" section. That is how your counselor is prompted to send your transcript and supporting documents to your colleges.
- Attend the Financial Aid Night held at Mt. Lebanon HS on Sept. 24 or virtually, hosted by South Fayette HS, on Sept. 26.

October

- Attend the South Hills College & Career Fair Tuesday, October 8 @ 6:00 pm at BPHS.
- If applying to a school EARLY DECISION/ACTION, be sure to meet any October Deadlines.
- SAT and ACT test dates are available in October.
- Keep your Naviance account updated. Make sure to add to your “Colleges I’m Applying To” and request transcripts to be sent. Follow the procedures as outlined to prevent errors. Give the counseling department at least 10 DAYS to send your transcripts!

November

- Be sure your first quarter grades are strong. Continue to maintain superior academic standards.
- Students who have ROLLING ADMISSIONS applications submitted by Thanksgiving are usually notified by early January. The sooner you apply to colleges with Rolling Admissions policies, the better.

December

- The FAFSA (Free Applications for Federal Student Aid) will be available this month. This has been delayed due to a redesign.
- Enjoy the Winter Break if you have completed your applications. If not, use this time to prepare applications with January deadlines.
- Make sure you have submitted all Jan. 1st deadline applications and supporting documents and add those to Naviance in EARLY December. Keep your Naviance account updated.

January

- Attend the FAFSA Completion Night on January 7, 6:30pm at USCHS.
- Keep working on your grades! Courses and performance continue to count throughout the senior year.
- January is the deadline for MANY applications. It is your responsibility to meet deadlines!
- At the end of the semester, your mid-year transcript will *automatically* be sent to EVERY school to which you have added to “Colleges I’m Applying To” in your Naviance account; you need not request this.

February and March

- Continue to inquire and apply for scholarships. Many of these can be found in Naviance or on the USCHS Counseling webpage under “Scholarships”.
- Wait for letters of notification from your schools.

April

- By the end of April, you should have been notified by all of your schools regarding admission decisions and any offers for financial aid (scholarships from the school, grants, etc.). It is decision time for you. Notify the school you plan to attend by May 1. Write, call, or e-mail the other schools to decline their acceptance offer so that these schools may now offer your spot to others.

- Complete the necessary paperwork for tuition and housing deposits confirming your acceptance of the offer of admission.

May and June

- Take the AP and/or IB Exams, if appropriate.
- Complete the Senior Questionnaire via your Naviance account.
- Your final transcript will automatically be sent to the institution you have selected as “Attending” through your Senior Questionnaire in Naviance; you need not request this. If, however, your school has given you a specific form to accompany the transcript, it is your responsibility to see that this form is delivered to the Counseling Department.
- YOU DID IT! CONGRATULATIONS! Enjoy Commencement activities!
- Take a moment to thank those educators who were most helpful to you throughout your high school years and say good-bye.

July and August

- Look for specific info from your school regarding housing, roommates, orientation, course selection, etc. READ EVERYTHING! Turn in all forms and deposits, A.S.A.P.—housing preferences are usually first-come, first-served!