



Liberty Common High School

Senior Checklist

Spring - Fall

- ☐ Check your email regularly – and read all emails from the LCHS College Center.
- ☐ Use the following sites to research colleges:
www.collegedata.com, <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>, www.collegeexpress.com
<https://collegescorecard.ed.gov/>
 - Take a Campus Tour.
 - Access Going Merry for a list of all scholarships.
 - Attend college fairs and college planning events.
- ☐ Narrow down your college list (Reach, Probable, Foundation).
- ☐ **Create an organizational system to track college and scholarship application deadlines and details.**

Early Fall (September-October)

- ☐ Make an appointment with Mrs. Campbell for your Senior Meeting.
- ☐ **October 15-17:** Free Colorado Application Days. Visit the College Center.
- ☐ Decide how you will apply to each school: Early Decision, Early Action, or Regular Decision.
- ☐ Know the essay prompts for each college you apply to and begin drafts.
- ☐ **Update your Naviance account with “college I’m applying to.”**
- ☐ Begin college applications (Institutional applications or Common Applications).
- ☐ **Link your Naviance and Common App accounts if using the Common App.**
- ☐ Advocate for yourself and ask questions.

Winter/Spring

- ☐ Receive and compare college financial aid award packages. Contact colleges with any questions. Ask if there are additional scholarships you can apply for or qualify for.
- ☐ Review all admissions offers. Check your email and college portals frequently.

May

- ☐ **May 1st is College Decision Day** - the day to let your college know you are attending.
- ☐ Wear your college gear on **May 1st** – Let’s celebrate! Come to 9th hour for Root Beer Floats!
- ☐ Take **AP Exams** and request AP scores be sent to the college you will attend.
- ☐ **Request Final Transcripts.**

ACT/SAT Tests

- ☐ Here is a list of colleges that are test optional www.fairtest.org
- ☐ Check with your colleges to determine if and how they use test scores.
- ☐ Plan when you will take the ACT and/or SAT.

Financial Aid and Scholarships

- ☐ Parents and students should be familiar with Federal Financial Aid by reviewing the website in detail.
 - ☐ [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
 - ☐ Prepare tax information to complete the FAFSA.
- ☐ **The FAFSA is available on December 1st.** Be sure to complete it before your college’s financial deadline.
- ☐ Familiarize yourself with the [CSS Profile](#) if it is required by any of the colleges you’re applying to.
- ☐ Review the scholarship list with Mrs. Campbell to know which scholarships you qualify for.