

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR

TIMELINE

SEPTEMBER

Get psyched for senior year!

Meet with counselor — make preliminary college list, double check graduation requirements

Create calendar of admission and financial aid deadlines

Plan final campus visits

Register for Oct., Nov. or Dec. test dates if retaking SAT or ACT

Request teacher recommendations

Draft Common Application essay

Work hard in your classes

OCTOBER

Attend admission rep visits at the high school

Complete financial aid forms (FAFSA, CSS Profile)

Polish Common App essay; begin supplemental essays (if required)

Finalize list of schools to apply to

Complete Early Decision and/or Early Action application(s) if applying early

Keep up with and enjoy extracurricular activities

NOVEMBER

Prepare to submit regular decision applications in advance of deadlines

Schedule Skype or alumni interviews if unable to interview in person

Clean up social media accounts

Research and apply for scholarships

Take care of your health

Have a happy Thanksgiving with your family!

SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

Follow up with teachers/counselor about recommendations

Send test scores and transcripts

Complete Common Application and supplements

Celebrate if you received an offer of ED or EA admission

Submit applications before winter break so you can enjoy the holidays!

JANUARY

Submit applications to colleges with late deadlines

Send fall semester grade reports

Follow up with schools to make sure your applications are complete

Considering a gap year? Research options

FEBRUARY

Stay engaged with high school (watch out for senioritis)

Plan something fun for spring break

Continue to apply for scholarships

Order graduation announcements

DECEMBER

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JANUARY

01

FEBRUARY

02

MARCH

Celebrate your offers of admission!

Compare financial aid awards

Think about summer (job? internship? travel?)

Make graduation party plans with friends and family

APRIL

Attend "admitted student" events at colleges you're considering

Decide whether to accept wait list spots (if offered)

Keep grades up — the college you accept will require a final transcript

Choose your college and mail the deposit by May 1st!

MAY

Take AP tests (your college may accept scores for course credit)

Inform counselor/teachers who wrote recommendations of your choice (and write thank-you notes)

Research first-year housing options; connect with potential roommates

Happy graduation! You're a college student now!

MARCH

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APRIL

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MAY

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