

Senior Timeline

2025-2026

August/September

- Check graduation status: credits, diploma type, postsecondary readiness competency, and Indiana College Core
- Still undecided on a career? Visit indianacareerexplorer.com, mynextmove.org/explore/ip, <https://www.careeronestop.org>, <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/career-search/>, and indianacareerready.com. You can also schedule an individual meeting with our career coach.
- If you are considering college and are interested in retaking the SAT, be sure to register by **Sept 19** at sat.org/reister. You can also register for the ACT if you are looking at out-of-state colleges or want to try a different college entrance exam. Visit actstudent.org
- Meet with college representatives who are visiting our school this fall. Call or email them with questions you have, and check out the colleges' websites.
- Attend the College Fair at Southridge on **August 26th** if you are planning to pursue a 4 year degree.
- Schedule a campus visit.
- Start applying to your top college choice(s). If undecided on what colleges to apply to, complete a search on indianacareerexplorer.com and bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search/. September 22-26 is College Go Week. Some colleges waive their application fee this week.
- Create a Parchment.com account to send transcripts to colleges you have applied to. In order to access this account after you graduate, you will want to use a personal email when you create one.
- Complete the required paperwork in order to participate in Senior Job Shadow Day. Copies of paperwork can be found in Student Services.
- Begin scholarship searches such as fastweb.com, cappex.com, and bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- Complete the Dubois County Community Foundation Scholarship/ Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship by **Oct. 3**.
- Review and update your Individual Student Profile and/or Resume. You will need this info for scholarship applications in the spring.

October/November

- Participate in Senior Job Shadow Day on **Oct. 8**.
- Apply to your backup colleges. Submit all college applications for admission by **Nov.1** priority deadline.
- Visit college campuses and tour virtually. Fall break is a great time to do this.
- Continue working on career and scholarship searches.
- If you want to participate in sports after high school, complete NCAA and/or NAIA release forms. Schedule a time to meet with our athletic director to assist you with this process.
- Take the SAT - Oct. 4 or Nov. 8 at JHS.
- Order cap & gown from Jostens. They will be visiting our school to deliver order forms.
- Attend the Financial Aid Workshop with a parent to learn about how to pay for college and file FAFSA.

December/January

- It's getting late for college applications for admission... finish up.
- Attend the College Panel Discussion in January.
- Compare the estimated cost of attendance at IN colleges at www.indianacollegecosts.org
- Complete FAFSA - priority deadline is March 1.

- Ask teachers & employers for letters of recommendation for local scholarships.
- Inquire about housing and financial aid applications at the school(s) you are considering.

February/March

- Complete the Dubois County Common Scholarship Application (found on school website) by **April 1**.
- Complete various other local scholarships due this spring.
- Look for e-mail messages from studentaid.gov and scholartrack.che.ingov regarding your FAFSA. Regularly check and review financial aid offers.
- Complete FAFSA - state deadline **April 15**.
- Attend College Goal Sunday at VUJC if you need help completing FAFSA.

April/May

- Make your college decision and notify each school by **May 1**.
- Watch for important deadlines (orientation, placement tests, registration, housing) at the college of your choice.
- Order a final transcript on Parchment by selecting "HOLD FOR GRADES" instead of Send Now when ordering.
- Request a transcript from Ivy Tech (and possibly VU) for dual credit transfers. A link to do these requests electronically can be found on our school's website under guidance, dual credit, and transcript requests. You can request to "hold until grades are posted". A small fee is involved when requesting college transcripts.
- Attend the Senior Awards Banquet in May.
- Attend Graduation Practice if participating in the Graduation Commencement ceremony.