POST-SECONDARY PLANNING TIMELINE

12th Grade

FINAL YEAR POST-SECONDARY TIMELINE

- Keep up your grades.
  - Acceptances are conditional, and colleges expect the GPA you applied with to remain roughly the same.
  - Check your transcript in PowerSchool to make sure that everything is accurate. You will locate it in your parent PowerSchool documents.
- Continue to participate in extracurricular activities.
  - Update your resume.
  - Strive for leadership roles.
- Athletes: Check in with your senior counselor if you are planning to play your sport at the collegiate level.
- Read your email.
  - Your college and career counselor and college admissions counselors will email you regularly. Check your GMSD email and your personal email.
- Check Schoology.
  - Your college and career counselor will post important information about careers, job opportunities, college, and scholarships on Schoology.
- Apply
  - Decide if you are applying ED, EA, or RD for each college and understand the deadlines.
- Use Naviance to request your transcript.
  - Once you apply to a school, the next step is to request your transcript. Your college counselor will teach you how to do this in August of senior year.
- Check your application portals.
  - Once you apply to a college, you will receive communication either through that application portal or through the email that the college creates for you. Check them!
- Scholarship research
  - Make sure that you understand the college deadlines for scholarships, honors colleges, etc.
  - Research outside scholarships and apply for them. Scholarships360.org is a great resource!
- Take the State Senior ACT
  - This is a free ACT offered to every senior during the school day in October.
- Send ACT scores
  - All ACT scores are sent through the official ACT website.
- Request/Confirm teacher recommendations verbally and then send formal requests through Naviance.

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FINAL YEAR POST-SECONDARY TIMELINE CONTINUED

- Attend Financial Aid Night.
  - Students and parents will be invited to attend a financial aid night in the fall of senior year to learn about scholarship opportunities through FAFSA completion.
- Complete the TN Promise application.
  - The TN Promise provides 2 years of community college or TCAT for free to any student graduating from a TN high school. Deadline is 11/1.
- Complete the FAFSA.
  - The FAFSA to qualify for the TN Promise, the HOPE scholarship, and other scholarships.
- Complete the CSS Profile
  - Some private colleges require the CSS Profile and the FAFSA. Understand what financial aid documents the schools you apply to require.
- Thank the teachers who wrote you a letter of recommendation.
  - A simple thank you note goes a long way!
- Update Naviance
  - When you receive a college acceptance, denial, or waitlist notification, update that information in Naviance.
- Attend admitted student events to learn more about the schools that have accepted you.
- Accept admission, enroll, and make your deposit to ONE college by May 1.
- Sign up for campus housing if needed.
- Sign up for college orientation.
- Complete the senior exit form to request your final transcript.
- Send AP Scores
  - Make sure that you access your College Board account to send your AP scores to the school you will attend. You will do this after you complete all AP testing.
- Send Dual Enrollment Transcripts
  - The EPSO counselor will send out instructions about how to send DE transcripts in May.