



Senior College Planning Calendar 2026-27

AUGUST

- ☐ Complete Summer Questions survey in Maia (parents and students)
- ☐ Attend Summer College Workshop (choose one date: August 21, 22, 27 or 28)
- ☐ Create a Common Application account (opens August 1, use your Urban email) and examine required essays and supplements. See what each college wants from you.
- ☐ Share essay draft with your counselor
- ☐ If testing, register for SAT Test: Sept 12 (registration deadline 8/28) Oct 3 (deadline 9/18), Nov 7 (deadline 10/23), Dec 5 (11/20) OR register for the ACT: Sep 19 (deadline 8/14), Oct 17 (deadline 9/11), Dec 12 (deadline 11/6)

SEPTEMBER

- ☐ Meet with your college counselor to set goals for supplemental essay writing
- ☐ Check which college reps are visiting Urban, sign up for visits in Maia, and attend visits
- ☐ Sign up on colleges' websites for information
- ☐ Work toward your final list of colleges. Discuss your list with your counselor. **Keep your Considering and Applying list on Maia updated with all of your colleges!**
- ☐ Fill out the Common Application (we will do this together in the College Counseling class)
- ☐ Request second teacher recommendation letter
- ☐ ATHLETES: Register with the NCAA Clearinghouse if planning to play sports in college
- ☐ ARTISTS: Gather your portfolio and create Slideroom account

OCTOBER

- ☐ Attend college rep visits
- ☐ Finalize list of colleges on Maia
- ☐ Begin UC and CSU applications (we will do this together in the College Counseling class – **do NOT do the UC Academics section on your own!**)
- ☐ Continue to work on your essays; finalize your main Common App essay

- ☐ Decide if you want to apply Early Action or Early Decision to any college(s). **You must discuss any early plan with your counselor.**
 - Request official SAT or ACT score reports be sent to all schools that require them
 - Complete supplemental essays for any early applications

If you are applying for Financial Aid:

- ☐ Complete FAFSA (opens October 1) – student and parent must complete their individual portions
- ☐ Complete CSS Profile (opens October 1) for schools that require it
- ☐ Some private colleges require additional financial forms to the above. Determine what is needed for each of the schools to which you are applying.

NOVEMBER

- ☐ Submit Early Action and/or Early Decision applications
- ☐ If testing, take the November SAT (no ACT is offered in Nov). This might be your last test date. If it is, request that official score reports be sent to all schools that require them.
- ☐ Make sure that your Applying List in Maia is up-to-date so counselors know where your transcript and recommendations need to be sent
- ☐ Continue to work on your supplemental essays for Regular Decision colleges
- ☐ Submit UC and CSU applications by end of the month (due December 1, we recommend submitting a few days early)
- ☐ Two weeks after applying: check application portals to confirm materials have been received by colleges

DECEMBER

- ☐ Finalize your Maia Applying list with all Regular Decision colleges so that your counselor can send your transcript and recommendations
- ☐ Finalize your supplemental essays for Regular Decision schools
- ☐ If testing, take the December SAT or ACT if necessary



- ☐ Submit all Regular Decision applications. If you need to send official scores, you must ask the College Board or ACT to send scores.

JANUARY

- ☐ In mid Jan, check your application portals – has everything been received by colleges?
- ☐ If you are applying for Financial Aid, check your FAFSA application is complete and has been received by colleges (the sooner, the better)

FEBRUARY / MARCH

- ☐ If recommended by your counselor, consider registering for May AP Exams
- ☐ Keep working in your classes – Winter Term grades might be sent to colleges

APRIL

- ☐ Review all responses you receive with your counselor and keep your counselor fully informed
- ☐ If possible, visit the college of your choice before making your final decision
- ☐ Notify the college of your choice that you plan to attend. Send **one** deposit by May 1. You must notify the remaining colleges where you were accepted that you will not be attending.
- ☐ If you are on a waitlist, notify that college (and your counselor!) of your decision to remain on or be removed from the list.

MAY

- ☐ If you are registered, take your AP Exam(s).
- ☐ Maintain your academic focus as colleges will see and evaluate your final transcript
- ☐ Update Maia to reflect all of your college responses (accepted, denied, waitlisted, etc.)
- ☐ If you are on a waitlist, notify that college and your counselor of your decision to remain on or be removed from the list.

June 11 Graduation!