

College Admissions & Financial Aid Timeline

JUNIOR YEAR

September / October:

- ☐ Register and take the Preliminary SAT (PSAT) exam
- ☐ Attend virtual/in-person College Fairs
- ☐ Check SchoolLinks and online for scholarships (ongoing)

November / December / January / February:

- ☐ Review PSAT results with your counselor
- ☐ Consider taking an SAT preparatory course

March / April / May / June:

- ☐ Register and plan for the SATs/ACTs – if you qualify for free/red. lunch make sure lunch form is completed for fee waiver
- ☐ Attend group Junior Conference class presentation
- ☐ Attend virtual/in-person College Fairs
- ☐ Complete your Brag Sheet
- ☐ Start thinking of who you will request to write letters of recommendation
- ☐ Senior athletes: sign up with NCAA Clearinghouse
- ☐ Visit colleges during spring & summer vacations
- ☐ Plan to participate in enriching summer activities ASAP, such as volunteer work, acquiring a meaningful job or internship, enrolling in summer courses at college, etc.

September:

- ☐ Register and take SATs/ACTs— if you qualify for free/red. lunch make sure lunch form is completed for fee waiver
- ☐ SchoolLinks – Add colleges to which you are applying
- ☐ Letters of recommendation – Request the teachers on SchoolLinks – give them copy of brag sheet
- ☐ Prepare your resume on SchoolLinks
- ☐ Check SchoolLinks and online for scholarships (ongoing)
- ☐ Attend Financial Aid Workshops

October:

- ☐ Schedule a Senior Conference with your counselor
- ☐ Sign up for College Application Week
- ☐ Attend college fairs and open houses at colleges
- ☐ Meet early decision/early action application deadlines
- ☐ File FAFSA and TAP forms as soon as possible after October 1st (or when available)
- ☐ File CSS Profile/Financial Aid if necessary

November:

- ☐ Narrow your choices to 5-8 colleges and review the list with your counselor
- ☐ Complete and submit online applications
- ☐ Send your SAT and/or ACT scores to your schools
- ☐ Attend On-Site Admissions - ongoing
- ☐ Fill out a Transcript Request Form for each school, requesting counselor to send a transcript

December / January:

- ☐ Complete and submit online applications
- ☐ Check college portals to make sure everything is submitted

February / March

- ☐ Be sure to hand in colleges' mid-year report requests
- ☐ Notify your counselor of all scholarships, grants, awards and college acceptances

April / May:

- ☐ Reply promptly to colleges; notify them of your decision
- ☐ Fill out graduation survey on SchoolLinks, indicating where to send your final transcript

June:

- ☐ Graduation 😊

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