Juniors & Seniors

(Class of 2028)
(Class of 2027)

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College Information Workshop

Presentation will also be posted on Grandview's website

Purposes of this Presentation

- Present an overview of Junior and Senior year timelines for college planning and applications
- Knowing the timelines will help you navigate the college application process through junior and senior years
- Having the timelines will also help you determine which breakout sessions best meet your needs

Post-Secondary Planning

What does everyone at Grandview do after high school?

Self-Reported Data for Class of 2025-2026

- 66% Attend 4 Year College
- 10% Attend 2 Year College or Career/Technical Education and Apprenticeship Programs
- 24% Enter the Workforce, Enlist in the Military, or Other

Grad Requirements VS College Entrance Requirements

English	4.0 Credits
Social Studies	3.0 Credits
Government	0.5 Credit
US History	1.0 Credit
Elective Social Studies	1.5 Credits
Math	3.0 Credits
Science	3.0 Credits
Practical/Fine Arts	1.5 Credits
Health	0.5 Credit
P. E.	1.5 Credits
Additional Courses	5.5 Credits

English	4.0 Credits
Social Studies	3.0 - 4.0 Credits
Math	3.0 - 4.0 Credits
Science (2-3 lab based)	3.0 - 4.0 Credits
Practical/Fine Arts	varies
World Languages	2+ levels of same language

Junior Year Tasks: First Semester

October/November

- College Rep Visits at GHS - Sign up in *Naviance*
- College Visits – *Fall Break*
- College Fairs
  - CCSD: September 24th 6pm @ Smoky Hill High School
  - NACAC: October 17th Colorado Convention Center
- College and Career Readiness Day 10/7/26 – Practice SAT or PSAT/NMSQT
- **Junior Lessons** - in US History - Nov 16th & 17th
  - Schedule an individual **Junior Conference** with your Counselor

Junior Year Tasks: Second Semester

January/February/March

- Course Registration - Select appropriate classes for Senior Year - many more concurrent enrollment options are available to seniors
- Schedule an individual ***Junior Conference*** with your counselor
- College Rep Visits continue at GHS
- Visit College Campuses if you can
- Impress your teachers. One or more may be writing a Recommendation for you

April

- Take **SAT** at GHS on 4/14

May

- AP Testing
- Take ACT or Retake SAT, as needed

Summer after Junior Year Tasks

- College Visits
- Set up CommonApp Account at CommonApp.org
- Continue to build list of Colleges to Apply to
- Begin working on essays
- Begin researching scholarships

Senior Year Tasks

First Semester - Time to Apply

- **September 1st & 2nd -** Senior Lessons in English classes
- **October 1st -** FAFSA application opens
- **October 7th -** College & Career Readiness Day
  - Essay & Application Help
  - Scholarship Session
- Common Application Deadlines start Oct. 15 and cluster every 2 weeks through Feb.
- Admission decisions are released from November-April 1st
- Finalize essays, short answer questions and all components of the application
- Apply to schools (3-10 recommended)
- Students request transcripts through Post Grad Office not CommonApp (Attend Breakout Session for more info)
- Request letters of recommendation through Post Grad Office not CommonApp (**Only if necessary**)

Senior Year Tasks

Second Semester - Continue to Apply
Stay locked in on your grades and attendance

January/February
- Continue to visit with College Reps
- Continue to apply for Scholarships
- Continue to check your email for admission decisions

March
- Mandatory Senior & Parent Graduation Meetings
  - March 29, 2026 6pm (A-L), 7:15pm (M-Z)

April
- Senior Day in Post Grad April 29th 9am-1pm

May
- Make decision where you are attending by May 1
- Mandatory Senior Checkout Tuesday, May 24th
- Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal May 24
- Graduation Friday May 28 @ 1:00pm

Summer after Senior Year Tasks

- Attend summer orientation
- Continue to apply for scholarships
- Visit website or admitted student portal for Housing/Meal Plan Contracts/Placement Tests/Submitting Health Info
- Get ready for your first day of college in August and the incredible years ahead

Colorado Free Application Day$

October 20, 2026 – October 22, 2026

All 32 state colleges, universities and several private institutions waive application fees for Colorado residents.

More Information will be posted on Schoology once the website is updated: https://cdhe.colorado.gov/cofreeappdays

College Visits

- Sign up on Naviance to meet with College Reps in the Post-Grad Center
- Attend individual college/university recruitment programs
- College campus visits during school breaks
- Follow Gradnview's Post-Grad on Instagram for college visit updates: grandview_counseling_postgrad

Financial Aid

- Gather income tax information for FAFSA
- FAFSA opens on October 1st

Scholarships

- www.fastweb.com
- CollegeBoard
- Schoology Updates
- Parents' work, church, community organizations
- Naviance - Colleges tab

When do I . .

- Apply to college?
  - Fall of Senior Year, but Juniors start researching now!
- Apply for scholarships?
  - Fall of Senior Year, but Juniors start researching now!
- Apply for financial aid?
  - FAFSA – **FREE** Application for Federal Student Aid - Opens October of Senior Year – *https://studentaid.ed.**gov***
  - CAFSA - **FREE** Application for State Financial Aid - https://cdhe.colorado.gov/colorado-application-for-state-financial-aid

College Information Workshop Agenda

All Session PowerPoints will be posted to Grandview's Website

Session 1 @ 6:45 pm

Session 2 @ 7:20 pm

Session 3 @ 7:55pm

<u>Choose one of the following for EACH session:</u>

- Applying to Public Colleges/Universities - Auditorium
- Applying to Private Colleges/Universities - Lecture Center (Session 1 & 2)
- Financial Aid Overview - Room #2626
- 2 Year Community College Options - Room #2013 (Session 1 & 2)
- Grandview's Role in the Application Process (Seniors Only) - Room #2014 (Session 2 & 3)
- College Essay's-Do's and Don'ts Room #2015