

College Planning Calendar

Junior Year

- Develop a tentative list of colleges.
- Sign up to meet with college representatives in the school Counseling and Admissions office.
- Register for SAT I and/or ACT spring testing dates. Get info in the school Counseling and Admissions office.
- Have you used extended time testing option in school? If so, see your counselor to see if you are eligible for extended time testing for SATs or ACTs.
- Participate in school trips to college fairs.
- Are you eligible for a fee waiver for the SATs and ACTs? Check with your counselor.
- Work with your counselor to create a list of 3-5 colleges.
- Use the list of college websites to help you get information and to narrow your choices.

Summer Between Junior and Senior Year

- This is the time to visit college campuses!
- If you are unhappy with your spring SAT/ACT test scores, study over the summer on your own or take a course.

September of Senior Year

- Bring your list of colleges to your counselor. Make sure there are reach, possible and safe choices. Create a list of 3-5 colleges.
- If you are auditioning for a fine arts school, let your counselor know.
- Schedule interviews for schools where they are required or recommended.
- Sign-up for a second round of SAT or ACT tests, unless you are happy with your score.
- Create your college resume through Career Cruising.
- Continue to meet with college representatives. Sign up in the school Counseling and Admissions office.

October of Senior Year

- **YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR COLLEGES PICKED OUT BY NOW!**
- Begin to fill out applications. **USE BLACK INK. FOLLOW DIRECTIONS!**
- Take the college essay seriously. Give yourself time to write a thoughtful and interesting essay. Ask teachers to help you and to proofread.
- Early decision/early action deadlines can be as soon as October.
- Make sure to inform your counselor of which college you are applying to online.
- Ask teachers to write recommendations for you. Give them a two-month notice.
- Fill out a transcript request form in guidance for each of your applications.

November of Senior Year

- Finish college visits and interviews.
- Be aware of college application deadlines.
- Continue to work on your applications.
- **Parents: ATTEND FINANCIAL AID NIGHT**

December of Senior Year

- Complete SAT/ACT testing.
- Be aware of college application deadlines.
- Request transcripts to be sent.
- Obtain financial aid forms from the school Counseling and Admissions office or online.
- Complete remaining college applications on time.
- Investigate and apply for **LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS**. Check in the guidance office.

January of Senior Year

- Apply for financial aid! The FAFSA form is available online as of October 1st and in the school counseling and admissions office. **Applications will be accepted after January 1st.**
- Remember, financial aid is first come first served! Also talk to your colleges about any forms that you have to fill out for financial aid as well as for their scholarships. **YOU DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE YOUR TAXES**; it is more important to get your information in as soon as possible.

February of Senior Year

- Investigate and apply for **LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS**. Check in the school Counseling and Admissions office.
- **PARENTS: You can come in to the Guidance office and obtain info on scholarships.**

March of Senior Year

- Continue to investigate and apply for **LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS**. Check in the school Counseling and Admissions office.

April of Senior Year

- Colleges will let you know about acceptances or rejections in March/April. Let your counselor know.

May of Senior Year

- Fill out paperwork and mail your deposit for the college you plan to attend.

June of Senior Year:

- **GRADUATE!**