

NAVIGATING THE COLLEGE PATHWAY



SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

AUGUST

- Research and create a list of majors/colleges.
- Create a new email address for college related information **only**.
- Begin** applications for public and private colleges.
- Work on college essays – write, review, edit, and repeat.

SEPTEMBER

- Register and take the SAT, Subject Test, and/or ACT. Send **all** scores to colleges you applied to.
- Finish** college essays – re-write, review, edit, and repeat.
- Create a brag sheet (i.e. list of awards, honors, and extracurricular activities).
- Ask for letters of recommendations from teachers, counselors, etc.
- Continue to work on Private college applications for early admission/early decision/rolling admission.

OCTOBER

- Continue applying for colleges/universities.
- Begin applications for college/universities that have retention programs. You may need letters of recommendations.
- Begin Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Check deadline for your state. Submit as soon as possible.
- Register and take the SAT, Subject Test, and/or ACT. Send **all** scores to colleges you applied to.
- Continue to work on Private college applications for early admission/early decision/rolling admission.

NOVEMBER

- Submit** public college/university applications.
- Submit** Private college applications for early admission/early decision/rolling admission.
- Register for the **last** SAT, Subject Test, and/or ACT. December is the last exam scores many colleges will accept.

DECEMBER

- Check your email regularly for information from colleges.
- Complete** CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE® for Private Colleges/Universities.
- Apply to scholarships during Winter Break.
- Receive Early Admission/Early decision letters.

JANUARY – FEBRUARY

- Create university portal accounts. Login to email and university portals regularly.
- Submit/update FAFSA**. Check with colleges whether deadline for them is when the college receives it or date your FAFSA is processed.
- Submit** CSS Profile (most due in February). **Deadlines vary by schools.**
- Request official transcript from counselor in case university asks for it.
- Send **all** SAT and/or ACT test scores to colleges/universities.
- Apply** to Community College(s).

MARCH – APRIL

- Receive notifications of admissions from colleges/universities.
- Submit/update FAFSA**.
- Review financial aid award letters from schools who offer admissions. Review these letters with a counselor.
- Review admissions offers.
- Community College bound students must register for placement exams.

MAY – JULY

- Submit** Statement of Intent to Register (SIR) by **May 1st**. Some campuses require a deposit to reserve your spot in college.
- Sign up for orientation to meet with your college advisor and register for fall courses.
- Complete housing application (if applicable). Deposit required.
- Accept/decline** financial aid award through university portal.
- Continue to check portals/emails regularly for updates.
- Submit** your final official transcript to selected campuses. Check colleges for specific deadlines.