

## SENIOR 4 YR. COLLEGE PLANNING GUIDE & TIMELINE

### September

Register online or by mail for the fall SAT/ACT  
Attend College Application Process Seminar with guidance counselor  
Request teacher/counselor recommendations  
Complete/update "Student Activity Sheet", and other required forms  
Write for/view online college catalogs & applications  
Sign-out college catalogs, video or career materials

### October

Take the SAT/ACT (now or early November)  
Continue to research college possibilities  
Write college essay  
Check Scholarship Center Bulletin board  
Begin college applications-some early admission applications due Oct. 15  
Complete transcript request release form in guidance

### November

Take SAT (if not taken in October)  
Remind parents about Financial Aid Night  
Continue to work on college applications  
Complete transcript request release form in guidance

### December

Notify guidance regarding submitted college applications  
Continue to work on college applications  
Complete transcript request release form in guidance  
Get FAFSA application online-cannot be mailed until January 1st  
Profile financial aid form (step 1) due to CSS (if needed)

### January/Feb

Send out FAFSA on or after January 1st  
Send mid-year reports to colleges  
PROFILE (step 2) due to CSS  
Local scholarship application packet available in guidance

### March/April

Expect notifications from colleges by early April  
Notify guidance of all acceptances or rejections and your choice of major (for scholarship purposes)

Compare financial aid -contact college financial aid offices to discuss packages  
Send deposit to selected college  
Inform all colleges to which you were accepted whether or not you plan to attend

May

DECISION DAY (May 1st) most colleges require a deposit by today.  
Remit to guidance: addressed stamped envelope with your name inside so we can send your final transcript to your future college.  
Dual enrollment students---request an official transcript from your dual enrollment college to be sent to your future college.

June

HAPPY GRADUATION-don't forget to pick-up your temporary cumulative student folders.

### [TWO YEAR COLLEGE PLANNING GUIDE & TIMELINE](#)

\*If SAT scores are needed

September

Register online or by mail for the fall SAT\*  
Attend the 'Senior Seminar' with Guidance counselor  
Complete "Activities Sheet"  
Write for/view online college catalogs & applications  
Sign-out college catalogs, video or career materials

October

Take the SAT (now or early November)\*  
Continue to research college possibilities  
Check Scholarship Center Bulletin board

November

Take SAT (if not taken in October)\*  
Continue to research college possibilities  
Remind parents about Financial Aid Night

December

Complete transcript request release for submitted college applications  
Complete transcript request release form in guidance  
Check on scheduled "Decision Days"

View FAFSA application online---begin worksheet---cannot be mailed until January 1st

January/Feb

Send out FAFSA on or after January 1st

Local scholarship application packet available (end of February)

March/April

Notify guidance of all acceptances or rejections and your choice of major (for scholarship purposes)

Compare financial aid awards—contact college financial aid offices to discuss fin aid packages

Send deposit to selected college

Inform all colleges to which you were accepted whether or not you plan to attend

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