

COLLEGE BOUND CALENDAR FOR SENIORS CHECK LIST

SUMMER AFTER JUNIOR YEAR

- Visit college campuses, visit college websites and talk to friends in college. Gather information needed for completing college and scholarship applications
- Request applications from your top choice colleges
- Get started on college application essays by writing sample drafts
- Sign up for ACT or SAT Reasoning or Subject Tests in September, October or November
- Log on to your Naviance account and update your resume, review survey information, and your college list

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

- Review your senior courses. Does your transcript meet your colleges' requirements?
- Check announcements and sign up for college representatives' visits. Visits listed on Naviance and bulletin
- Continue to check college websites for application forms. Naviance has link for Common Application as well as links to most colleges
- Make sure that you have the forms, test results, know deadlines, etc. that are necessary to apply to the colleges and universities in which you are interested.
- Reduce your preliminary list of colleges to about five.
- Ask College Counselors and/or teachers for recommendations. Provide them with addressed stamped envelopes, resumes and due dates
- Review the information your College Counselor covers during your class meeting.
- If applying for Early Action/Decision, prepare your application

OCTOBER

- Further develop essays for your applications.
- Review for the **SAT** or **ACT Tests**.
- Attend college representative's presentations, visit campuses.
- Attend programs for seniors and parents – go to college fairs.
- Begin filling out college applications (CSU open Oct.1)

NOVEMBER

- Begin filling out UC application
- Submit CSU and UC applications - due November 30
- Look into CSS Profile (financial aid form for private schools) on CollegeBoard and college's websites
- Retake ACT or SAT Reasoning or Subject Tests
- Maintain strong GPA, prepare for finals

DECEMBER

- ___ Attend Financial Aid Night and apply for a PIN on the FAFSA website
- ___ Last chance retake of ACT and SAT for most CSU and UC schools (some have an earlier cut off date)
- ___ Complete all applications for admission to private/independent school.
- ___ Talk with graduates who are home from college.
- ___ Check Naviance, the bulletin and College Career Center for scholarship Opportunities
- ___ Sign-up for the ELM and /or the EPT if necessary (those attending CSU)
- ___ File FAFSA for financial aid

JANUARY

- ___ Finish any other college applications.
- ___ Research and complete scholarship applications.
- ___ Complete the Free Application for Student Aid (**FAFSA**).
- ___ Check your application's status on college's website for completeness

FEBRUARY - MARCH

- ___ Continue your scholarship search on College Board, FastWeb, and the college web sites of where you have applied or been accepted.
- ___ Check dates for registration/application process for two year schools
- ___ Continue to work hard in the class room and keep your grades at their highest level.

APRIL - MAY

- ___ Bring your Letters of Acceptance and Scholarship Awards to the College Center as you receive them.
- ___ Decide which college you will attend and send in tuition and housing deposit and sign up for new student orientation
- ___ Notify other colleges of your decision
- ___ Complete your application in for any two year or specialty school.
- ___ Complete a FINAL Transcript request form at the beginning of May when requested by the College Career office
- ___ Maintain a strong GPA, prepare for finals