

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR YEAR



TIMELINE



SEPTEMBER

- Get psyched for senior year!
- Meet with counselor — make preliminary college list, double check graduation requirements
- Create calendar of admission and financial aid deadlines
- Plan final campus visits
- Register for Oct., Nov. or Dec. test dates if retaking SAT or ACT
- Request teacher recommendations
- Draft Common Application essay
- Work hard in your classes

OCTOBER

- Attend admission rep visits at the high school
- Complete financial aid forms (FAFSA, CSS Profile)
- Polish Common App essay; begin supplemental essays (if required)
- Finalize list of schools to apply to
- Complete Early Decision and/or Early Action application(s) if applying early
- Keep up with and enjoy extracurricular activities

NOVEMBER

- Prepare to submit regular decision applications in advance of deadlines
- Schedule Skype or alumni interviews if unable to interview in person
- Clean up social media accounts
- Research and apply for scholarships
- Take care of your health
- Have a happy Thanksgiving with your family!

SEPTEMBER

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OCTOBER

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NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

- Follow up with teachers/counselor about recommendations
- Send test scores and transcripts
- Complete Common Application and supplements
- Celebrate if you received an offer of ED or EA admission
- Submit applications before winter break so you can enjoy the holidays!

JANUARY

- Submit applications to colleges with late deadlines
- Send fall semester grade reports
- Follow up with schools to make sure your applications are complete
- Considering a gap year? Research options

FEBRUARY

- Stay engaged with high school (watch out for senioritis)
- Plan something fun for spring break
- Continue to apply for scholarships
- Order graduation announcements

DECEMBER

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JANUARY

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FEBRUARY

02

MARCH

- Celebrate your offers of admission!
- Compare financial aid awards
- Think about summer (job? internship? travel?)
- Make graduation party plans with friends and family

APRIL

- Attend "admitted student" events at colleges you're considering
- Decide whether to accept wait list spots (if offered)
- Keep grades up — the college you accept will require a final transcript
- Choose your college and mail the deposit by May 1st!

MAY

- Take AP tests (your college may accept scores for course credit)
- Inform counselor/teachers who wrote recommendations of your choice (and write thank-you notes)
- Research first-year housing options; connect with potential roommates
- Happy graduation! You're a college student now!

MARCH

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APRIL

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MAY

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