



Senior Year Timeline

August and September

- **Check your schedule one more time. Be sure you are not missing credits required for graduation and schools you are applying to.**
- **Register for Fall ACT/SAT**
- **Schedule visits with admissions and financial aid advisers, think about visiting with faculty and students in the major that interests you.**
- **Most early decision and early action applications are due between October 1 and November 1. Keep this in mind if you plan to apply for one of these options.**
- **Complete a counselor recommendation form to help in the recommendation process.**

- **Plan to apply to 3 colleges: Dream school (Top choice, you may or may not meet all qualifications for admissions), Realistic school (school where you know you will be accepted) and Back Up school (school that you meet all requirements to attend and would not mind attending).**

October and November

- **Requests that your transcripts be sent to colleges, as you apply to college.**
- **Mail early action or early decision applications.**
- **Take any tests for which you are registered and send your scores to the schools you are interested in.**
- **Apply for scholarship opportunities available through the Counseling Office and through scholarship search sites.**
- **Check with the financial-aid office of schools you are applying to for specific information on scholarships and costs for tuition, fees, room and board, and any additional info they require.**

December

- **Start working with your parents on the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA).**
- **Watch for decisions regarding college applications submitted for early decision.**

- **Mail college applications**

January

- **Complete and submit the FAFSA college financial-aid application between Jan. 1 and Feb. 15.**
- **Observe deadlines for admissions, financial-aid, testing and housing deposits.**
- **Contact the admissions offices to the schools in which you applied to make sure that your information has been received.**

February

- **Complete scholarship applications.**
- **Contact the financial-aid office to the colleges to which you have applied to make sure your information has been received.**

March and April

- **Decision letters begin arriving. Don't give in to "senioritis." Your admission is contingent upon your final grades.**
- **Evaluate your financial-aid offers. You'll have to make a decision about where to go and notify your college by May 1st, then let your other schools know you won't be attending.**

May and Summer

- **Take AP exams for any AP subjects you studied in high school.**
- **Decision time! Notify your school by mailing your commitment deposit check.**
- **GRADUATION!!!!**
- **Know when tuition and room and board payments are due.**
- **Have your high school send final transcripts to the college you are attending.**