

Grade 12 – Senior Year

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

DONE	TASK
	Apply for scholarships posted in Naviance.
	Maintain good grades.
	Refer to <i>Helpful Internet Resources</i> for additional resources.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

DONE	TASK
	Meet with counselor for your graduation agreement meeting.
	Check college websites for application deadlines for admissions, housing, financial aid, and SAT or ACT score submissions.
	Register with NCAA Clearinghouse if planning to play college sports. www.eligibilitycenter.org
	Register for SAT, SAT Subject tests, or ACT if necessary. (Missing the first Fall test date may make sending scores by your college application deadlines not possible.)
	Narrow college choices to a few schools and begin their online applications. Your selection should include at least one that you feel will definitely accept you.
	If you are a candidate for early decision, complete your application in time to meet that deadline.
	Use the post-secondary check lists on the following pages to complete the process for your after high school plans.
	Choose an English teacher to review your college essay before submitting it.
	Review your Résumé one more time before using it in a college application or giving it to your recommenders.
	Talk with teachers and other individuals who know you well regarding recommendations.
	Continue preparation for SAT or ACT tests.
	Schedule college tours. Check the colleges calendar for open house or preview dates. Use your two college visit absences if needed.
	Meet with college representatives when they visit your high school.

OCTOBER

DONE	TASK
	FAFSA, TASFA and CSS Profile typically open October 1. Complete the appropriate application for your residency status and college choices. Ask your parents to begin gathering their financial information.
	Continue applying to colleges and submitting any additional documents to complete your applications. Teachers and counselors are asked to write numerous recommendations – always allow at least two weeks for them to complete recommendations.
	Request initial transcripts in Parchment and arrange for recommendations to be sent to colleges. Provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope, if needed.
	Meet application deadlines for early decision or early action (as early as November 1). Early applications can lead to more scholarship and housing options.
	Take/retake the SAT or ACT, if necessary.
	Find out the SAT Subject Tests requirements of your college choices. If required, register to take SAT subject tests on a date when you will NOT be taking the SAT. You are not permitted to take the SAT and SAT Subject Tests on the same date.

NOVEMBER

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	Continue to study hard because your first semester senior year grades are very important. Some colleges request a copy of your 1st semester senior grades for admission consideration.
	Continue to complete college applications for admissions. Follow up on letters of recommendation.
	Request transcripts on Parchment as needed.
	Take/retake ACT, SAT or SAT Subject Tests if necessary.
	All recommendations that have deadlines through January 15 must be requested from the counselor by December 1.

DECEMBER

DONE	TASK
	Look back over your post-secondary checklist to be sure you have completed each step in the college admissions process.
	Most application(s) should be completed before January 1st.
	Request that SAT or ACT scores be sent to all colleges to which you have applied. If you did not list them when you registered for the tests, send them from your College Board or ACT account.

JANUARY

DONE	TASK
	Begin verifying your financial aid with your college.
	Email or upload any supplemental financial forms required by the colleges of your choice.
	Research scholarships and loans.
	Check with your guidance counselor to make sure that any mid-year reports are completed and returned to colleges which request them.

FEBRUARY

DONE	TASK
	Keep your grades up, remember that you will be accepted to college "Pending the successful completion of your 12th grade course work."
	Check deadline dates for financial aid/scholarship grants
	Register for AP tests as appropriate.

APRIL

DONE	TASK
	Look for college acceptance notices. They may come to your email or posted to your colleges portal.
	Carefully choose your college, verify your acceptance of their admissions. College should be notified before May 1.
	Notify College Career Center of your final college choice and whether you have been awarded any scholarships (academic, athletic, artistic, dramatic, or musical— NOT LOANS.)
	Decline acceptances to colleges you will not be attending (also before May 1).
	If you are wait-listed and wish to be kept in consideration, be sure to advise the college.
	If all colleges send rejections, don't panic! There are several alternatives. See your counselor immediately to explore other possibilities.
	Finalize plans for housing, financial aid, and/or scholarships.
	Make any deposit required by the institution you plan to attend. May 1st is the generally accepted nationwide deadline for deposits for Fall term. Be sure to check with your college for their exact requirements.

MAY

DONE	TASK
	Make your final choice of college or university, if you have not already done so. Decision Day- May 1
	Complete all details concerning registering for college classes.
	Complete SENIOR EXIT SURVEY indicating colleges applied to, scholarships and grants awarded, and where you want your final transcript to be sent.
	Take AP test(s) as previously decided.

JUNE

DONE	TASK
	Attend graduation ceremonies and celebrate. HAVE A HAPPY GRADUATION!
	When you receive your Advanced Placement Test grades, if you have not already requested that the scores be sent to the college that you will be attending, request the College Entrance Examination Board to do so.
	Participate in the orientation program of the college you will attend. This may have occurred in the spring, during the summer or just prior to the fall term.
	Consider taking College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams when you get to college.