

Senior Year Timeline for College Admission

End of Junior Year/Summer

- Register for the SAT and/or ACT
- Register with the NCAA Eligibility Clearinghouse if you have hopes to play college sports
- Try to narrow your college list to 5-8 colleges
- Begin preparing for the application process by working on application essays and putting together portfolios or audition tapes if necessary.

September

- Register and/or retake SAT/ACT tests if needed
- Mark your calendar with important dates and deadlines for applications and financial aid deadlines
- Get started on your applications right away particularly if you plan to apply for Early Decision/Early Action
- Ask your teachers if they will write a letter of recommendation for you. Give them plenty of time to write the recommendation

October

- **Submit the FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1, 2022.** File your FAFSA online and always before the priority financial aid deadline set by your college. ****This is a graduation requirement!**
- Do any of your colleges require the CSS/Financial Aid Profile? If so, you should complete and submit this application online.
- Make sure that your SAT and/or ACT test scores have been sent to all the colleges on your list.
- Search for scholarships that match your skills and interests.

**** Try and make it your goal to submit your application at least a month before the actual deadline.**

November

- November 1st is a priority deadline for several colleges. Many of the early decision/early action deadlines fall within November - so be aware of those deadlines.
- Continue to work hard in your classes. Colleges will look at senior coursework and grade when making admissions decisions.

December/January

- Most regular decision applications are due in December/January. Be sure all supporting documentation has been sent and received by the college.
- Colleges like to see strong second semester grades, so avoid senioritis.

February

- Continue to search for scholarships and monitor the AHS Counseling website for local scholarships.

March/April

- Most admission decisions and financial aid award letters will arrive by now. Read each carefully and note all reply deadlines.
- Complete any enrollment, housing forms, etc to the college of your choice. Notify all other colleges to which you were accepted of your decision.

May

- May 1st is "Decision Day". Notify your college of choice if you have not already.
- Let your counselor know what college to send your final high school transcript.