



Senior Year College Planning Checklist

A general planning guide. Timelines and requirements vary by school

Summer / Early Fall | Planning and Setup

- ☐ **Finalize college list and confirm application platforms**
- ☐ Review testing plan and test-optional strategy
- ☐ Confirm recommendation requirements and deadlines
- ☐ Request teacher recommendations and transcript (per school process)
- ☐ Begin applications, activities list, and personal statement
- ☐ Submit early action / early decision applications, if applicable

Late Fall / Early Winter | Submissions and Aid

- ☐ **Submit remaining applications as they are completed**
- ☐ Confirm application portals and required materials are received
- ☐ Complete FAFSA and any required institutional aid forms
- ☐ Complete CSS Profile for applicable schools

Winter | Decisions, Follow-Up, and Scholarships

- ☐ **Submit remaining regular decision applications**
- ☐ Send midyear report where required
- ☐ Apply for local and institutional scholarships

Spring | Decisions and Weighing Options

- ☐ **Review admission decisions and financial aid offers**
- ☐ Visit or revisit final-choice schools, if possible
- ☐ Ask financial aid questions or submit appeals if appropriate
- ☐ Select final college and submit enrollment deposit (if 100% ready to enroll)

Late Spring / Summer | Enrollment, Orientation, and Transition to College

- ☐ **Select final college and submit enrollment deposit by May 1**
- ☐ Request final transcript be sent to enrolling college
- ☐ Complete housing, orientation, and registration steps
- ☐ Submit health, immunization, and placement requirements