



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