

SENIOR YEAR TIMETABLE

August: Seniors should register to retake the SAT Reasoning Test, the SAT Subject Tests or the ACT, if necessary. Seniors should begin applying to public institutions in order to secure excellent scholarship opportunities and their first choice in freshmen housing.

September: All seniors should prepare and present a final list of colleges (around 7 or 8). Also, check with the Future Center and all of your colleges of interest for information regarding any high school visits or upcoming college nights. Interested students should utilize the scholarship search engines posted on the Web. Each senior should continue college campus visits as the senior year academic commitments permits. All seniors should set up an appointment with Mr. Haynes in order to finalize college lists and last-minute plans.

If applicable, interested students should fill out the first portion of the PROFILE and send it to the appropriate College Board entity. Most need-based aid is based on these forms and consists of scholarships, grants, work-study and loans.

October: Seniors should continue attending local college fairs and college day/night programs. Seniors should re-take the ACT, SAT Reasoning Test or SAT Subject Tests in October, if necessary, in order to achieve previously-targeted scores. If you have not already identified a test score target, please remember to set up an appointment with Mr. Haynes in order to define an appropriate goal.

Interested seniors should research both early decision and early action deadlines, if they are considering such an option.

All students should plan to attend local college fairs in October.

November: Many early applications are due this month. Furthermore, all seniors should attempt to finish all their college applications by Thanksgiving, if at all possible.

December: This month should be viewed as the last opportunity to retake the ACT, SAT Reasoning Test or SAT Subject Tests, if necessary. If applicable, interested students should attend a financial aid night program sponsored by George, another local high school, or a

college financial aid office.

All students applying for financial aid should complete the FAFSA at this time; however, the form should never be placed in the mailbox until after January 1. Any forms sent prior to this date are usually destroyed or returned to the sender.

January: If applicable, interested students should submit the appropriate financial aid forms such as the FAFSA as soon after January 1 as humanly possible. **It is extremely important that students do not delay this process!**

Personal income tax information updates can be sent to each institution at a later date. A conservative estimate will suffice initially, but all interested students should get the financial aid forms in to the colleges as soon as possible since most of the best awards are usually made in the first round.

April 15: Most colleges will notify you by this date of their decision. The more competitive colleges sometimes deliberate longer, and many of the top schools may wait until late April to notify you regarding their decision.

April 20: If you are unhappy with the financial aid package you received from your top choice, call the institution's Financial Aid Office and/or write a letter of appeal. Please see Mr. Haynes, as needed, for more details.

Late April: Any student accepted by his or her first choice college should probably send an admission deposit immediately; however, it is also important to remember that most colleges will refund the admission deposit if the student changes his or her mind by May 1. This deadline can vary depending on the original admission option used by the student. Furthermore, it is considered unethical to send a deposit to more than one college unless one of the colleges is notified that it is no longer an option.

May 1: All seniors should inform the colleges that accepted them whether or not they plan to attend. Also, thank you cards (a smart move since you might decide to transfer later) should be sent to all those colleges each student will not be attending.

June-July: Students should always attend the earliest possible orientation programs, even if offered during the summer, in order to have first shot at prized course options. Furthermore, invaluable information can be gained by soliciting upperclassmen's feedback as well.

Senior Year Checklist

- ___ Meet with Mr. Haynes early in the year.
- ___ Register and start test prep for the October and/or November SAT, if applicable.
- ___ Register and start test prep for the November SAT or SAT Subject Tests, if applicable.
- ___ Register and start test prep for the October and/or December ACT, if applicable.
- ___ Arrange fall college visits.
- ___ Take the October SAT or ACT, if applicable.
- ___ Attend the local college fairs in October.
- ___ Meet with admission officers who visit your high school.
- ___ Take the November SAT or SAT Subject Tests, if applicable.
- ___ Register for the December SAT, SAT Subject Tests or ACT. , if applicable.
- ___ If applying during the Early Decision or Early Action cycles complete your applications one month before the deadlines.
- ___ Take the December SAT, SAT Subject Tests or ACT, if applicable.
- ___ Begin preparing financial aid forms in December, if applicable.
- ___ Talk with students from your area who attend the colleges on your list while they are home for the holidays.
- ___ Submit the FAFSA and institutional financial aid applications as early as possible in January, if applicable.
- ___ Complete all your college applications at least one month in advance of the regular admission deadlines in January and February.
- ___ Request that a mid-year high school transcript be sent to the colleges you are considering.
- ___ If you are wait-listed and wish to stay on the list, contact the college.

___Attend receptions and campus visit programs for admitted students.

___Assess the quality of the contact you have had with colleges on your list.

___Send your enrollment forms and deposit to the college you prefer by May.
Remember, only one deposit.

___Notify the other colleges that you have decided not to attend of your decision.

___**Finish high school strong—no senioritis!**