TWELFTH GRADE

ALERTS

- Initiate military academy and ROTC scholarship follow-up contacts.
- Confirm documentation for special accommodations on SAT/ACT.
- Submit requests for transcripts and school support documents at least 30 days prior to deadlines.
- Open Common Application online account in early August.
- Parents attend Fall College Admissions info session.

JULY/AUGUST

- Register for upcoming testing. (ACT/SAT)
- Begin/continue Common Application online.
- Take SAT.

SEPTEMBER

- Register for fall testing. (SAT, SAT Subject Tests, ACT)
- Schedule meeting with college counselor.
- Conclude work on final list of target colleges.
- Review application plans with college counselor (early applications a priority).
- Complete Common Application and/or begin collegespecific applications online (Coalition App., etc.)
- Begin early deadline and rolling notification applications.
- National Merit Semi-finalists announced.
- Review official transcript and testing results with college counselor.
- Complete or update your Student Information form and College Résumé.
- Attend college presentations in area and on campus.

OCTOBER

- Complete and submit early-deadline applications.
- Submit requests for transcripts and other documentation at least 30 days before deadlines.
- Attend college presentations in the area and at CES.
- Complete college application plans in consultation with the college counselor.
- Submit National Merit supplementary forms. (Note: Early October deadline)
- Complete/initiate information required in any university or privately-sponsored scholarship competitions.
- Take SAT/ACT as recommended.
- Make arrangements for teacher recommendations as necessary.
- Make housing arrangements/requests at public universities where that process is separate.
- Send official test scores to colleges as appropriate.
- Complete FAFSA online.

NOVEMBER

- **NOTE:** Nov. 1, Nov. 15 are the most common deadlines for Early Decision and Early Action plans.
- Take SAT/ACT as recommended.
- Review application plans with college counselor.
 - Confirm scholarship deadlines.
 - Complete financial aid forms as necessary.
 - Complete rolling notification applications as appropriate.
- Continue visits to college campuses and to local presentations by colleges.
- Arrange for teacher recommendations and send official test scores as necessary.
- Continue to work on applications as necessary.

DECEMBER

- Requests for transcripts and other documentation (Student Information, School Reports forms, etc.) due in high school office 30 days prior to application deadlines.
- Take SAT as advised
- Complete remaining application forms.
- Order official test scores online to have them sent to colleges and scholarship agencies as necessary.
- Request teacher recommendations and other school support documentation. (Make all such requests at least 30 days prior to any application deadlines.)

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- Note: Major application deadlines are January 1 and January 15. Deadline for financial aid forms in most circumstances is February 1. Official test scores are due, and the last deadlines for applications occur.
- Review all plans with the college counselor and confirm status with various colleges.
- Complete financial aid forms as necessary.

MARCH/APRIL

- Most admission decisions are received between the middle of March and the middle of April.
- Financial aid awards are received during the same period of time.
- College visits may be appropriate as final choices are made.

MA

- Note: May 1 is the National Student Reply Date. Except for the resolution of any waiting list, a single offer of admission must be accepted and a single deposit made by this date.
- Resolve waiting lists.
- Take AP examinations.

JUNE

- Resolve waiting lists.
- Attend college orientation/course-registration sessions.



College Planning CALENDAR

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

• SAT/AP

collegeboard.com

ACT

act.org actstudents.org

• Financial Aid finaid.org

• TOPS

osfa.la.gov

• FAFSA

fafsa.ed.gov

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Note: SAT, SAT Subject Area, and ACT dates fall throughout the school year. Students are urged to sit for both examinations, and while strategies vary, the dates emphasized here are recommended for most students. Register online, being careful to be aware of registration deadlines.

TENTH GRADE

- Take PSAT.
- Attend college admissions presentations.
- Review course choices, academic plans, and PSAT results with the college counselor.
- Get involved.

ELEVENTH GRADE

ALERTS

- Make initial contacts regarding appointments to military academies.
- Complete all test-accommodation documentation, PSAT, ACT, and SAT, before school begins.
- Parents attend Introduction to College Admission meeting scheduled in the winter.

SEPTEMBER

- Register for PSAT.
- Meet with college representatives on campus and in the area

OCTOBER

- Take PSAT. (Check school calendar for exact date.)
- Meet with college representatives on campus and in the area.
- Consider visits to college campuses during school holidays.

NOVEMBER

- Continue review of family financial situation.
- Consider visits to college campuses during school holidays.
- Initiate contact with colleges and universities.
- Register for January SAT and ACT.

DECEMBER

- Meet with college counselor as necessary.
- Review PSAT results.
- Attend CES Admission Boot Camp.
 - Complete preliminary information forms.
 - Open Common Application account.
 - Set up College Board/ACT account.
 - Register for spring ACT/SAT.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- Register for May AP examinations.
- Take SAT and ACT or complete registration for later spring examination dates.
- Consider visits to college and university campuses during school holidays.
- Schedule a planning and review session with the college counselor.
- Continue inquiries to colleges and universities.
- Make plans for summer employment or other activities.

MARCH

- Take SAT (some students—check calendar for exact date).
- Schedule review and planning meeting with college counselor if not already set.
- Begin developing a list of target colleges.
- Parents schedule a review and planning session if not already set. (May be done together with student.)
- Follow-up contact with military academies.
- Initiate contact about ROTC scholarships.
- Continue inquiries to colleges and scholarship programs.
- Register for late spring (May and June) SAT, SAT Subject Tests, or ACT.
- Attend any area or school presentations by colleges.
- Consider visits to college campuses during school holidays.
- Begin work on College Résumé and the Student Information form.
- Continue planning for summer employment or other activities.

APRIL

- Take ACT. (Check calendar for exact date.)
- Attend area or CES presentations by colleges.
- Consider visits to college campuses during school holidays.
- Attend scheduled meeting with the college counselor. (Optional with parents)
- Continue developing a list of target colleges.
- Review college plans with the college counselor.
- Conclude work on Personal Statement (The Essay).
- Begin scholarship search as appropriate.
- Complete draft College Résumé.

MAY

- Take SAT or SAT Subject Tests. (Some students)
- Take AP examinations. (Some students)
- Attend any college presentations in area or on campus.
- Continue inquiries to colleges and scholarship sponsors.

SUMMER

- Take SAT/ACT or SAT Subject Tests. (Some students)
- Visit college campuses if possible.
- Complete information forms included in Planning Notebook from CES.
- Stay busy with a summer job or other activities.
- Begin work on Common Application in August.
- Register for Fall (August/September) testing. (ACT/SAT)
- Begin/continue Common Application (August 1)