

Senior College Planning Timeline

Fall

- Visit schools & apply
- Finalize your college list: 3-5
- Stay on track w/ grades
- Take ACT/SAT; check admission requirements @ school
- Watch for deadlines they vary from school to school, department to department
- Ask for letters of recommendation (Don't put your recommenders in a bind by waiting)
- Meet with your guidance counselor
- Complete applications
- Continue looking for scholarships
- FAFSA, FAFSA, FAFSA... Starts October 1st

Winter

- Reply to early decision applications
- Follow up on applications
- Send mid-term grades if needed

Spring

- Check mail for notifications; Starting by Mid-January; Financial Aid awards should be to you by the end of April
- If put on a wait list; look @ your options
- Compare financial aid packages of the schools you've applied to
- Make your college decision; Notify all schools involved in your search; May 1 is usually official deadline for schools
- Follow up on Financial Aid info @ your intended school
- Complete enrollment papers & housing forms

Summer

- Get a summer job
- Prepare for orientation; if given an option to attend early, take it!
- Ready for the next journey in life!