

PARENT GUIDE TO

12th GRADE Fall Semester

LOOKING AHEAD COLLEGE & CAREER

SENIOR TO-DO (Fall Semester)

The transition to higher education and career can be stressful. Create a calendar of key dates and take advantage of trained professionals.

- ☐ Apply for scholarships.
- ☐ Maintain good grades.
- ☐ Visit “Helpful Resources” in Section 5 of the High School student handbook for more information.

August/September

- ☐ Meet with counselor for your graduation agreement meeting.
- ☐ Check college websites for application deadlines for admissions, housing, financial aid, and SAT or ACT score submissions.
- ☐ Register with NCAA Clearinghouse if planning to play college sports.
www.eligibilitycenter.org
- ☐ Register for SAT, SAT Subject tests, TSI or ACT if necessary. (Missing the first Fall test date may make sending scores by your college application deadlines not possible.)
- ☐ Choose an English teacher to review your college essay before submitting it.
- ☐ Narrow college choices to a few schools and begin their online applications. Your selection should include at least one that you feel will definitely accept you.
- ☐ Visit the college and career center to meet with Mrs. Carse.

August/September (con't)

- ☐ If you are a candidate for early decision, complete your application in time to meet that deadline.
- ☐ Review your Résumé one more time before using it in a college application or giving it to your recommenders.
- ☐ Talk with teachers and other individuals who know you well regarding recommendations.
- ☐ Continue preparation for SAT, TSI, or ACT tests.
- ☐ Schedule college tours. Check the colleges calendar for open house or preview dates. Use your two college visit absences if needed.
- ☐ Meet with college representatives when they visit your high school.

October

- ☐ FAFSA, TASFA and CSS Profile typically open October 1. Complete the appropriate application for your residency status and college choices. Ask your parents to begin gathering their financial information.
- ☐ Continue applying to colleges and submitting any additional documents to complete your applications. Teachers and counselors are asked to write numerous recommendations – always allow at least two weeks for them to complete recommendations.
- ☐ Request initial transcripts in Parchment and arrange for recommendations to be sent to colleges. Provide a stamped, self-addressed envelope, if needed.

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- ☐ Meet application deadlines for early decision or early action (as early as November 1). Early applications can lead to more scholarship and housing options.
- ☐ Take/retake the SAT, TSI, or ACT, if necessary.
- ☐ Find out the SAT Subject Tests requirements of your college choices. If required, register to take SAT subject tests on a date when you will NOT be taking the SAT. You are not permitted to take the SAT and SAT Subject Tests on the same date.

November

- ☐ Continue to study hard because your first semester senior year grades are very important. Some colleges request a copy of your 1st semester senior grades for admission consideration.
- ☐ Continue to complete college applications for admissions. Follow up on letters of recommendation.
- ☐ Request transcripts on Parchment as needed.
- ☐ Make sure to check all recommendations deadlines.

December

- ☐ Take/retake ACT, SAT, TSI, or SAT Subject Tests if necessary.
- ☐ Look back over your post-secondary checklist to be sure you have completed each step in the college admissions process.
- ☐ Most application(s) should be completed before January 1st.
- ☐ Request that SAT or ACT scores be sent to all colleges to which you have applied. If you did not list them when you registered for the tests, send them from your College Board or ACT account.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD'S COUNSELOR



- Does my student need to retake the SAT, TSI, or ACT for college admissions?
- Does my student qualify for college application fee waivers?
- What can I do to help my student complete college applications and the financial aid application?
- What are the differences between state and private colleges?
- If recommendation letters are needed, what's the process to request them?

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