

JUNIOR YEAR TIMELINE

Throughout junior year, students should focus on preparing for admissions, this includes: researching colleges online, visiting colleges in person, developing relationships with teachers, and studying for and taking the SAT/ACT exams.

- Take PSAT
- Schedule junior meeting with school counselor
- Choose senior year courses
- Plan for and apply to summer programs and jobs

OCT

DEC

JAN-FEB

APR, MAY, JUN

- PSAT scores released

- Take AP exams
- Request letters of rec
- Fill out guidance surveys
- Build college list
- Start personal essay

After junior year ends, use the summer months to finish your personal essay; The Common App opens August 1 which is when you can begin selecting schools, completing the application, and check for supplemental essay prompts.

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

- Begin submitting rolling applications
- Begin tracking portal logins as applications are submitted and check for missing material
- Take SAT/ACT
- Early decision released - accept offer and withdraw pending applications
- Some early action/rolling released
- Final decisions released
- Compare merit/financial aid offers and negotiate
- Accept or decline wait list positions
- Submit acceptance & deposit for one school

JUL- AUG	SEPT	OCT-NOV	DEC	JAN-FEB	MAR-APR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize college list • Finalize personal essay • Fill out Common App • Check for and schedule interviews • Organize applications with Master Plan • Start writing supplemental essays • Take SAT/ACT 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin submitting early action & early decision applications • Take SAT/ACT • Fill out FAFSA and file CSS profile for financial aid • Rolling decisions released • Send first quarter grades 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular decision application deadlines • Send first semester grades to early round schools • Respond to deferrals • Compare merit/financial aid offers from early acceptances 	