

College Preparation Calendar

Junior Year

Senior Year

Consult Counselor about when to take preliminary scholastic test (PSAT); National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQST); American College Test (ACT). Begin searching for education grants, scholarships, endowments, etc.	S E P	Review Junior Checklist Be aware of deadlines! Contact colleges of interest for information
Contact college of interest for information regarding admissions, application procedures, entrance requirements.	O C T	Begin rough draft of essays for applications; be sure to include all accomplishments. Request letters of recommendation for teachers, employers, etc.
Visit with counselor on PSAT scores and get suggestions for improvement, if needed. Attend college nights in your area.	N O V	Talk to college representatives about free information. Search for Scholarships! Check on college housing.
Consult counselor about ACT/SAT --- these scores may be required for admission. Attend college fairs and Financial Aid Nights at your school. Happy Holidays!	D E C	Finalize application essays for scholarships. Attend any financial aid nights in your area. Happy Holidays!
Continue your search for scholarships, grants, endowments. (Check with your school, place of employment, parents' and grandparents' employment, the Internet, etc.)	J A N	Get "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA) from counselor or college financial aid office. Complete FAFSA; you should have completed tax returns first. Keep copies of everything you mail!!
Begin to narrow your choices of interest and write for information.	F E B	Be sure Mid-Year Transcripts have been sent to each school. Look for Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA. KNOW YOUR DEADLINES!!!
Get a date confirmed for SAT/ACT. Continue to work on improving your grades and test scores.	M A R	Attend high school visitation days at colleges of interest. Make sure applications are complete at the college financial aid office.
Attend high school visitation days at colleges of interest.	A P R	Look for award letter from college of your choice. Confirm housing, admission, aid, etc. Review Checklist
Go over checklist and complete all items. Now, have a great summer!!!	M A Y	Congratulations, Graduate!!! Have a great summer and a great college experience.