

COLLEGE TIMELINE FOR SENIORS

August/September

- _____ Start a **College Planning Folder**.
- _____ Register with **NCAA Clearinghouse** if you are planning to play college sports.
- _____ Register for **ACT or SAT** tests if necessary. (If you miss the first fall test date, your next opportunity may be too late to send scores to your college choices.)
- _____ Complete **senior resume forms** and/or Senior Brag Sheet to be used for recommendations. If you will need recommendations written for your applications, contact those teachers, counselors, or other individuals this month.
- _____ Return **Brag Sheet or Counselor Rec Request** to your counselor.
- _____ **Attend NorTex College Fair in September at the Golden Triangle Mall.**
- _____ **Decide** on early decision or early action. (See the chart on page 4.)
- _____ Narrow **college choices** to a few schools and begin the application process.
- _____ If you are **applying** to any Texas Public University, you may apply online at www.applytexas.org. Visit college websites to determine how to apply to each school.
- _____ Apply for any and all **scholarships** for which you qualify. Check the counseling website or other websites weekly for additional scholarship opportunities. See the *Financial Aid section of this handbook*.
- _____ If your college or scholarship applications require **essays**, **GET STARTED NOW**. Choose an English teacher to help you critique your work.



October

- _____ Complete **essays**. Keep a copy for yourself.
- _____ Finish making **college visits**.
- _____ Retake the **SAT and/or ACT** if necessary.
- _____ Give **recommendation forms** to teachers and counselors **TWO WEEKS** in advance of the date you need them.
- _____ Attend a **financial aid & FAFSA information meeting**. Check with your counselor for dates and times. Start your FAFSA application.
- _____ Check your school's counseling website to **access scholarship and other important information**.

November

- _____ Check your school's counseling website to **access scholarship and other important information**.

December

- _____ Send **applications** and **recommendations** to meet necessary Dec/Jan deadlines.
- _____ Check your school's counseling website to **access scholarship and other important information.**

January

- _____ Request the Registrar's office to send **mid-year transcript***, if required.
- _____ Check your school's counseling website to **access scholarship and other important information.**

February

- _____ Check your school's counseling website to **access scholarship and other important information.**
- _____ Make sure that all **applications are complete and sent** (or ready to be sent).

March/April

- _____ Register to take appropriate **AP** exams.
- _____ **Notices** of acceptance or denial usually arrive from colleges by April 15.
- _____ Check your school's counseling website to **access scholarship and other important information.**
- _____ **Respond promptly** – in writing – for action on admissions, scholarship, and financial aid information.
- _____ **Notify colleges** that you **do not plan to attend** as this frees up openings for other students.
- _____ Make a final college decision if required. Many colleges subscribe to a May 1st candidate reply date.

May

- _____ Take **AP** exams.
- _____ Check your school's counseling website to **access scholarship and other important information.**

June/August

- _____ Request a **final transcript** be sent to the college of your choice.
- _____ Work and **save money** to help with college expenses.
- _____ **Get vaccinated against bacterial meningitis.** (Effective January 1, 2012, all new college students must provide proof of the vaccination *or attendance on campus will be denied.*)