

Senior Year Checklist



August

- Review your career plans and decide which type of post-secondary school, armed service, or job is right for you.
- If further education is your plan, start narrowing down your school choices.

September

- Request admissions information and college catalogs for those choices you've narrowed down to.
- Start a binder that is just for college forms related to admission, housing, financial aid and scholarships, school involvement, transcripts, reference letters, tax forms, etc.
- If you're taking the SAT over or the ACT, fill out the application forms.

October

- Take the SAT/ACT if you have not already done so or take it over if you are aiming for a higher score.
- Take the ASVAB over if you are interested in the service and desire a particular field.
- Schedule an appointment with the admissions office at your main college choice. While there, try to see students and faculty and get a FULL tour of the dorms, classrooms, etc.
- Contact the financial aid offices to determine which financial aid forms are required and the deadlines.
- Continue to work with your high school counselor or Mrs. Hainer at Region III .
- Research and apply for scholarships.

Keep Track of the Paperwork!!

November

- Complete college campus visits.
- Obtain financial aid forms from your high school counselor or Mrs. Hainer.
- Begin completing your admissions applications. Double check the deadlines for submission.
- Register for the December SAT/ACT exam date if you could not take the October exam.

December

- Pick up a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from guidance or a college financial aid office. Do not submit the FAFSA before Jan. 1st though.
- Continue to apply for scholarships.

January

- Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible after JANUARY 1, but not before.
- Attend a Financial Aid Information Night in your area.
- PARENTS: File your tax forms as early as possible. Colleges may need them to finalize the financial aid package. Be prepared to send a copy of your tax forms to the college, if necessary.

February

- Research taking Advanced Placement (AP) or College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams.
- Rank your preferred colleges.

March

- Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail. This form contains your financial aid information.
- Submit tax forms to the financial aid office, if requested. Find out what outstanding items remain in the financial aid office.
- If you have not received your SAR within four to six weeks after you submitted the FAFSA, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at (800) 433-3243.
- If you need to complete placement testing for your school make sure to schedule it.

April

- Watch the mail for college acceptance and financial aid award letters.
- Make your final college decision and mail any required deposits to hold your housing choice and any scholarships you may have been awarded or offered.
- Notify the colleges you will NOT be attending.
- Continue to watch for other important college information such as registration, housing, and orientation materials.

May

- Take required placement tests, Advanced Placement (AP) examinations, and CLEP tests in May or June.
- Finalize any summer job plans.
- If dorms/student housing is not available, make sure to begin looking into housing options in that city.

June

- Plan for college orientation, transportation, and housing.
- Follow up with the financial aid office at your college to ensure all paperwork is complete.

July

- Finalize plans for college.
- Finalize plans for off-campus housing and/or a part-time job nearby your school.