

SENIOR-YEAR TIMELINE

Class of 2025

Summer	August/ September	October	Helpful Hints
<p>Congratulations! You made it to your senior year!</p> <p>Get Informed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Visit college campuses or complete virtual tours on school websites or www.youniversitytv.com www.campusreel.org www.youvisit.com <input type="checkbox"/> Make note of ACT and SAT timelines. Register if needed. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider School To Career <p>Get Organized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Begin creating a folder for all of your post-secondary plans. <input type="checkbox"/> Make arrangements for job shadows in career interest areas. <input type="checkbox"/> Make a calendar with test dates, fees, & registration deadlines for college and financial aid applications. <p>Get Working:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Choose senior-year classes that will challenge you. Colleges recommend 4-5 core classes senior year. <input type="checkbox"/> Start working on applications to colleges and universities. Try to submit them by the end of September or October. <input type="checkbox"/> PRACTICE writing admissions essays. <input type="checkbox"/> Make considerations for early college enrollment programs, honors colleges, or military academies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> First day of school: TBD August 2024 <input type="checkbox"/> Work on applications to college and universities. Try to submit them by the end of October. <input type="checkbox"/> Check to see if your college has an early enrollment time period to be aware of. Apply this month! <input type="checkbox"/> For your admissions and/or scholarship applications, begin asking teachers, clergy, counselors, or employers for letters of recommendation. Give them two weeks notice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review the Letter of Recommendation Guidelines <input type="checkbox"/> Complete the REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATION FORM and give it to anyone writing you a letter. <input type="checkbox"/> Use your Parchment account to send transcripts to colleges. <input type="checkbox"/> Potential college athletes see your counselor for NCAA information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Apply to state universities by the middle of this month.</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Visit the counseling office for college, career, and scholarship information. <input type="checkbox"/> Visit your top school choices. Speak with students, faculty, and staff if possible. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply or register for Dual Enrollment for second semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Order cap and gown and announcements for graduation. There will be a meeting in November. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend BCHS “Paying for College” presentation and research FAFSA requirements and timelines <p>Review Career Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> http://www.mynextmove.org/explore/ip Answer the questions on this site and receive another look at careers that match your interests. <input type="checkbox"/> http://www.onetonline.org/ Search this government website for specific information about careers you are interested in. <input type="checkbox"/> https://www.mymajors.com/ <input type="checkbox"/> https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/ 	<p><u>Take the test</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Retake the ACT or SAT as soon as possible! It will take 3-4 weeks after the test for the college to receive your scores. <input type="checkbox"/> Be sure that the colleges you are applying to receive your scores if they are required or if you wish to send them. Include them on your ACT/SAT registration or go online to request extra score reports be sent. <p><u>Apply to college</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for early admission by the end of September <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for state colleges by the end of October. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for rolling admission colleges by the end of November. <p><u>Look for funding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> The federal financial aid forms (FAFSA) need to be completed between October 1-March 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin your scholarship search in September. Search for both national and local scholarships. The counseling office has a file of paper versions of many local scholarships.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Check with teachers, coaches, and mentors to see if letters of recommendation have been sent. ❑ Complete applications for colleges with rolling deadlines as soon as possible! ❑ Wrap up applications by Thanksgiving. ❑ Meet with college representatives who are visiting your school. ❑ Visit the counseling office for college and career information. ❑ Sign up to take the ASVAB. This test, administered by the military, will provide you with an opportunity to see how you would score on a different type of assessment. Find out more at http://official-asvab.com/applicants.htm ❑ If you are planning to live on-campus at your college of choice, be sure to do the housing application and deposit by the end of the year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Apply for financial aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Apply between October and March 1. ❑ Consider a major. When you get to college you will be asked to declare a major area of study. Get a jump-start by visiting MyMajors to help you identify a college major you might be interested in. ❑ Apply for outside funding or scholarships. ❑ Start your scholarship search. Check out a few of the following websites and get familiar with how scholarships work and which ones you might be eligible for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FastWeb - MI Student Aid - College Board Scholarship Opportunity - Cappex - Tuition Funding Sources - Big Future Scholarship Search 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Study hard for final exams—colleges take fall senior grades seriously. ❑ Do not drop or fail a core academic class for the second semester. Some colleges may withdraw your acceptance. ❑ Apply for financial aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov if you have not already. You are highly encouraged to apply between October 1 and March 1. ❑ Send transcripts through Parchment to any college or university needing your 7th semester (mid-year) grades. ❑ Check the counseling office for available LOCAL scholarships. Send in the applications by the deadline. *Focus your attention here. The odds of getting a scholarship from your local community are better because there are fewer applicants than for national searches. 	<p><u>SAT Test Dates</u> Register online through your College Board account.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Test date</u></td> <td><u>Registration deadline*</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 1, 2024</td> <td>May 17, 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>August 24, 2024</td> <td>August 13, 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 5, 2024</td> <td>September 24, 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 2, 2024</td> <td>October 22, 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>December 7, 2024</td> <td>November 16, 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 8, 2025</td> <td>February 25, 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 3, 2025</td> <td>April 22, 2025</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 7, 2025</td> <td>May 27, 2025</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Anticipated dates:</u></p> <p><i>* Late registration deadlines are possible, but late fees will apply (see collegeboard.com).</i></p> <p>Be sure to check the colleges you are applying to see what their specific requirements are.</p> <p><u>ACT Test Dates</u> Register on line at www.act.org</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Test date</u></td> <td><u>Registration deadline*</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 8, 2024</td> <td>May 3, 2024</td> </tr> <tr> <td>July 13, 2024</td> <td>June 7, 2024</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>* Late registration deadlines are possible, but late fees will apply (see act.org).</i></p>	<u>Test date</u>	<u>Registration deadline*</u>	June 1, 2024	May 17, 2024	August 24, 2024	August 13, 2024	October 5, 2024	September 24, 2024	November 2, 2024	October 22, 2024	December 7, 2024	November 16, 2024	March 8, 2025	February 25, 2025	May 3, 2025	April 22, 2025	June 7, 2025	May 27, 2025	<u>Test date</u>	<u>Registration deadline*</u>	June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024	July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Continue the scholarship search.❑ Check to see if your mid-year transcripts have been sent to the schools to which you have applied.❑ Make sure your FAFSA is in by MARCH 1. You can submit electronically online at www.FAFSA.ed.gov. *Be sure to follow up with the school to see if they need any additional information in order to receive your financial aid award package on time.❑ Rank your finalized list of colleges.❑ Check the counseling office for available LOCAL scholarships. Send in the applications by the deadline.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❑ Keep your grades up! Colleges can withdraw offers after reviewing student's second semester transcripts.❑ Check the counseling office for available LOCAL scholarships. Send in the applications by the deadline.❑ If you have not received your Student Aid Report four weeks after you sent in your FAFSA, contact the Federal Student Aid Info. Center at (319) 337- 5665.	<p>College Information The Common Application Big Future College Score Card College Data</p> <p>Paying for College Websites FAFSA FinAid Federal Student Aid College Board Scholarship Opportunity Cappex Scholarship Search FastWeb Scholarship Search Net Price Calculator</p> <p>Testing Websites- Registration ACT SAT</p>	<p>Transcript Request Service Parchment</p> <p>NAIA – National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics www.playnaia.org</p> <p>NCAA Clearinghouse http://web1.ncaa.org</p> <p>Testing Websites- preparation ACT Registration www.collegeboard.com</p> <p>Guide to the Common App. https://www.commonapp.org/apply/first-time-students</p> <p>Common App Essay Prompts 23-24</p>
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