

# SENIOR YEAR COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE

## **AUGUST - SEPTEMBER:**

Register for ACT/SAT and SAT Subject Tests if needed.  
Attend senior resume workshop and develop senior resume.  
Narrow down college choices (3-4) and concentrate on applying to these.  
Visit colleges, making special effort to stay overnight and attend classes.  
Assemble all college and scholarship applications needed. Make timeline/calendar of due dates for each. (Note especially early action/early decision plans).  
Request transcripts from Guidance office for college applications.  
Research and apply for scholarships/grants.

## **OCTOBER- NOVEMBER:**

Take ACT/SAT in the fall in order to have scores available for college and scholarship applications.  
Attend college application and essay writing workshop.  
Attend college fairs and visit with college reps on GCA campus.  
Visit colleges.  
Finalize senior resume.  
If athlete, register with NCAA Clearinghouse.  
Select and ask teachers, coaches, pastors, employers, etc. for letters of recommendation.  
Work on college and scholarship applications and essays.  
Continue researching scholarships and meet scholarship deadlines.  
Order graduation supplies.

## **DECEMBER:**

Obtain FAFSA materials from Guidance office.  
Complete and mail college and scholarship applications. Make copies of everything submitted.

## **JANUARY – FEBRUARY:**

Submit FAFSA either electronically or via paper registration.

## **MARCH:**

Review financial aid packages with parents. Do comparison chart of each college's offer.  
Finalize college decision. Be sure to meet deadlines for submitting enrollment form and deposits.

**APRIL-JUNE:**

Prepare for and take AP exams.

Keep up with acceptance/rejection deadlines for financial aid offers.

Request that final transcript be sent to college of your choice. If playing college sports, request transcript for NCAA.

**SUMMER:**

Participate in any orientation programs for incoming freshmen.

Meet course registration deadlines.