

College Planning Checklist For High School Seniors

Helping your high school senior choose which college is the best fit is a big decision, but we are here to help. Use this College Planning Checklist to help navigate the admissions process for any college.



August – September

- Attend college fairs
- Visit colleges – large and small, public and private, two-year and four-year, close to home and farther away
- Consider retaking the ACT/SAT to improve your score
- Apply to 5-8 colleges
- Have your ACT/SAT scores sent to the colleges to which you're applying



October – December

- Search for scholarships online and in your community
- Narrow down colleges to 2-3
- Research college deadlines and priority dates for early decision and honors programs
- File your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.gov), which opens Oct. 1



January – May

- Receive your financial aid packages and compare costs
- Visit your final college before accepting
- Accept/reject offers of admission by the published deadline
- Send the deposit to your college
- Take Advanced Placement (AP) tests in May, which may earn you credit and/or advanced placement in college
- Ask your high school to send a final transcript to your college; and if you completed CCP courses, send your official college transcript to your college
- Register for classes

Congratulations
for rocking the
college search!