

SENIOR YEAR COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMELINE, 2017–2018	SUMMER	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	
PREPARATION	Work on Senior Profile.	STUDENTS: Senior Profile is due. PARENTS: Review Senior Folder with your student.	<i>Continue to listen to or read the Daily Bulletin and the College Advisor's Bulletin for announcements about various deadlines, scholarship info, etc.</i>			
CHOOSING COLLEGES: RESEARCH AND INFO GATHERING	Talk to relatives, neighbors, friends, teachers, coaches. Visit colleges. Attend college fairs.	STUDENTS: Attend college representative visits. PARENTS: Attend Senior Parent College Info. Night on how-to's of applying.	STUDENTS: Attend college representative visits.			
	Decide if you will seek early admission.					
COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTS	Figure out test requirements for colleges you're interested in. Develop test-taking plan.		Take any tests you still need. For the SAT: http://sat.collegeboard.org/home For the ACT: http://www.actstudent.org/		Last test date for UCs and CSUs.	
LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION (private colleges only)		If not yet done, ask teachers if they will write letters for you.	Give teachers recommendation forms as soon as possible, with info about work done in their class. Answer teacher's prepared questions, if required. If using the Common App, nominate teachers (as soon as they agree) and counselor.			
COLLEGE ESSAYS	Start thinking about college application essays.	Start writing. Have essays reviewed. Expect to do several revisions until they are finalized.		Finalize essays if not yet done.		
APPLICATIONS		Organize application materials if you haven't yet done so.	Early applications due, some as soon as Nov. 1.		Applications due this month for some private and out-of-state schools.	
			CSU application period is Oct. 1–Nov. 30. UC application online Aug. 1; submit Nov. 1–30.			
			Attend UC, CSU & Common Application workshops.			
TRANSCRIPTS	Review transcript through junior year for accuracy and completeness.	Obtain corrections if needed. Make sure this gets done before transcripts are sent out.	Turn in transcript request forms for non-Common App schools to College & Career Center by Oct. 2 if applying early, Oct. 31 for regular admissions. These are needed for CSUs; not needed for UCs.			
INTERVIEWS		<i>(Private colleges only)</i> Determine interview policy and dates for interviews. Sign up.				
FINANCIAL AID		Review the FAFSA and obtain two ID, one yourself and one for a parent. You can fill out and submit the FAFSA, using 2015 tax information, starting Oct. 1. If applying to private colleges, find out if the CSS PROFILE is needed and register. Make a list of deadlines for each school you are applying to, especially if applying early. Attend Financial Aid Information Night in Nov.			Start gathering year-end financial info. Some schools have early Jan. deadlines.	

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION	Write thank-you notes to teachers who have written you recommendation letters.					
APPLICATIONS	Many private colleges have January 1 or 15 regular application deadlines. Some have February deadlines.			Most decision letters sent by April 2. If no letter by April 10, contact College Advisor.	Statement of Intent to Register must be sent to college you plan to attend by MAY 1 (postmark or online, depending on school). Remember, you can send the statement to one school ONLY.	
TRANSCRIPTS	If needed, turn in midyear request forms and transcript request forms to Registrar in D173. (Sent automatically to Common App schools only.)				Turn in request form to Registrar in D173 to send final transcript to college you will be attending (including UCs).	Transcript request forms are due mid May.
FINANCIAL AID	If not completed in the fall, submit the FAFSA. If required by your colleges, submit the CSS PROFILE. Many schools want the the FAFSA and/or CSS PROFILE by Feb. 1. Attend hands-on workshops for help in completing the FAFSA.			If estimated numbers were supplied on FAFSA or CSS PROFILE, make corrections with final figures and send to each school.		
POST-APPLICATION ADVICE	<i>Complete your planned courses and keep those grades up through senior year. Failure to do so could reverse your admission, even after acceptance.</i>					