

Senior College Application Checklist

Fall of Senior Year

- Create College Application Excel Document and File
- Draft list of colleges where you will apply: 5-8 is a safe number.
- Review your college plans with your Mrs. Joseph during Senior Meeting.
- Register for final ACT/SAT– watch deadlines.
- Ask for your letters of recommendation (written request)
- Schedule Interviews for private colleges/universities, if available.
- Add application deadlines to calendar and College Application Checklist: Excel.
- Confirm early decision or early action school and inform Mrs. Joseph.
- File all applications and keep copies of each and certificates of mailing as needed.
- Be sure all transcripts, test scores and required forms are proofed and sent.
- Submit community service hours to Guidance Office
- Send ACT/SAT test scores to colleges you have applied to.
- Research scholarships and complete resume.

Winter

- Begin Bright Futures Application on December 1, 2015.
- Complete CSS Profile if attending a private school
- Request mid-year reports (first semester senior grades) for CommonApp.
- Study for midterms and semester exams
- Attend Financial Aid workshop in December at DCS
- Begin FAFSA on January 1, 2015
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Spring

- As you obtain acceptances, watch for financial aid letters and housing information.
- Register and take any AP tests needed.
- Carefully analyze financial aid offers. Compare and even consider appealing.
- Notify all colleges of your decision and accept one by May 1. Send applicable deposit.

Summer

- Fill out and send housing forms, roommate info and any other required paperwork.
- Study hard for senior finals.
- Send final thank you's and notify anyone who helped you of your decision.
- Register for and attend any orientation programs at your college.
- Think about what you'll need at college: computer, phone, bike, etc.
- Consider a summer job to give you some college dollars.
- Relax and enjoy your summer.