



College Planning Calendar

SEPTEMBER

- ❑ Register for Oct/Nov/Dec SAT Reasoning (with writing)/Subject Tests, and/or ACT with writing (if you have not taken them yet, are not satisfied with scores, or if you have learned more content or test-taking strategies since you first took them). Not required for community college.
 - ❑ Check your transcript for graduation status and your senior schedule for required coursework. 12th grade should be as rigorous as any other year, and you should strive to earn good grades in every course.
 - ❑ Access your Naviance account to research colleges.
 - ❑ Attend 12th Grade Counseling Presentation September 10 at G Block and after school.
 - ❑ Create a spreadsheet and highlight all important dates that apply to you, including: deadlines to send test scores, transcripts, and any other materials to colleges.
 - ❑ If you intend to apply to any college Under the EARLY DECISION OR EARLY ACTION plan, talk to your counselor.
 - ❑ Attend college representative visits. Schedule and sign up is available in Naviance.
 - ❑ Research scholarship opportunities and, if you meet the application criteria, APPLY!
- ❑ Take ACT and/or SAT and send scores to all colleges to which you will apply.
 - ❑ Attend upcoming college visits to meet college reps in the Campus Ministry Room. See Naviance.
 - ❑ Continue to search and apply for scholarships.

OCTOBER

- ❑ Begin FAFSA application online at <http://fafsa.ed.gov> on October 1. Complete and submit ASAP. This is FREE money for college.
- ❑ Register for CSS Profile (financial aid form for private schools) for schools that require it. Go to www.collegeboard.org.
- ❑ Begin CSU application online at www2.calstate.edu/apply. Complete and submit by the end of November. CSU Filing Period Oct 1-Nov 30.
- ❑ Begin UC application www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply. UC applications opened August 1st. Filing Period Nov 1-Nov 30.
- ❑ Attend OLP Financial Aid Night and College Fair Oct 16.
- ❑ Make sure to schedule your individual college planning meeting with you counselor.
- ❑ Begin applications for out-of-state and private 4 yr. colleges. Complete all Early Decision and Early Action by deadline.
- ❑ Complete all requests for letters of recommendation and school forms for early action and early decision applications.

NOVEMBER

- ❑ Take ACT and/or SAT and send scores to all colleges to which you will apply.
- ❑ Finish all rough draft personal essays and have them proofread.
- ❑ Send in UC and CSU applications as early in the month as possible and prior to the Nov. 30 deadline.
- ❑ Keep your grades up. Colleges do look at senior year grades.
- ❑ Continue to complete applications, observing all deadlines and instructions.
- ❑ Attend upcoming college visits to meet college reps in the Career Center. See Naviance.
- ❑ If you completed the FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR). Review, make any necessary corrections and return it to the FAFSA processor.
- ❑ Continue to search and apply for scholarships.

DECEMBER

- ❑ Take ACT or SAT Reasoning and Subject Tests if needed. (LAST TEST ADMINISTRATION ACCEPTED BY MOST COLLEGES.)
- ❑ If you haven't already done so, send official SAT and ACT test scores to all colleges to which you are applying.
- ❑ Schedule college visits/interviews.
- ❑ Complete and submit any college applications with December deadlines.
- ❑ Investigate the Financial Aid process and prepare whatever documents you may need. Fill out the CSS Profile if you applied to any of the participating colleges.
- ❑ Write thank you notes to teachers and counselor for letters of recommendations.
- ❑ Study for your finals and do well! Senior year grades **DO MATTER!**
- ❑ Check application deadlines for private colleges.
- ❑ Continue to search and apply for scholarships.

JANUARY

- ❑ Submit any college applications and supporting documents for January deadlines.
- ❑ If required, fill out Mid-Year Report reports and request transcripts.
- ❑ Notify all colleges in writing if you change your schedule during second semester.
- ❑ Notify all colleges if you received a “D” or “F” grade first semester.
- ❑ Check with colleges by calling, emailing, or through your application portal account online, to confirm that your application has been completed and all required documents were received.
- ❑ Respond to all requests for additional information from your colleges.
- ❑ Continue to search and apply for scholarships.

FEBRUARY

- ❑ Complete all financial aid forms (FAFSA) if not completed yet.
- ❑ Begin researching TAG agreements at local community colleges.
- ❑ Continue to search and apply for scholarships.

MARCH

- ❑ FAFSA Deadline : MARCH 1
- ❑ Carefully review the Student Aid Report (SAR) and make revisions as necessary.
- ❑ Check your email regularly for college notifications and admission decisions.
- ❑ Visit schools that you are admitted to and are considering attending.
- ❑ Stay in touch with the financial aid offices at colleges to better understand your financial aid packages.
- ❑ Apply to community college you are interested in attending.

APRIL

- ❑ Receive admission decisions from colleges.
- ❑ If you are waitlisted, follow their instructions on next steps.
- ❑ Compare your acceptance letters and your financial aid and scholarship offers.
- ❑ Decide where you want to go, by (re)visiting if necessary, reviewing cost, and going to information meetings.
- ❑ Make your acceptance choice.
- ❑ Find out what deposits you will be required to make to ensure your place. When you decide which school to attend, you need to notify that school by letter of your commitment and submitting any required deposit check. Many schools require this notification letter to be postmarked by **May 1**.
- ❑ Schedule appointment with community college counselors to learn about registration and placement.
- ❑ Continue to search and apply for scholarships.

MAY

- ❑ May 1 is the National Candidate Reply Date. Notify your ONE school of choice by May 1 and pay the commitment deposit fee.
- ❑ Tell you counselor where you're going! :)
- ❑ Submit housing forms as early as possible to ensure your choice of residence hall and pay the deposit.
- ❑ Take AP exams, if applicable.
- ❑ Keep your grades up! Colleges can and have rescinded offers of admission when there is a significant drop in grades and attendance.
- ❑ Start looking for a summer job – you may need the money!
- ❑ Complete the Senior Grad Survey in Naviance. This is required.
- ❑ If you were placed on a waiting list for a particular school, and you decided to wait for an opening, contact that school and let them know you are still interested.

JUNE

- ❑ Continue to work toward earning good grades (“senioritis” even now could negatively affect your admission status).
- ❑ Contact your college to determine when fees for tuition, room and board are due and how much they are.
- ❑ Request a final transcript through Naviance to be sent to the school you will be attending.
- ❑ Student athletes who plan to compete at a Division I or II college must request a final transcript to be sent to the college as well as the NCAA Eligibility Center at <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
- ❑ Attend all advising days, open houses, orientation programs, and registration offered by your college.
- ❑ Send thank you notes for any scholarships you have received.

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

September 10	Senior College Presentation
October 1	FAFSA opens, CSS Profile for private schools open
October 16	Financial Aid & College Fair Night
Oct. 1 - Nov. 30	Window to submit CSU application
November 1 - 30	Window to submit UC application
December-March	CSS Profile deadlines vary by college
March 1	Priority Deadline to submit FAFSA
April	Community College applications
May 1	College Signing Day
May	Submit Senior Grad Survey