



# THE ROAD MAP TO COLLEGE FOR SENIORS

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# TOPICS

- Senior Year Timeline for College
- College Terms You Need to Know
- Applying to College
- Types of Financial Aid

# SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE FOR COLLEGE

## September:

Begin your college applications

Update your resume through Naviance

Begin applying for scholarships

Attend College Lunch Visits

“Applying to College” Webinar- Sept. 8th

## October:

Begin the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the 2022-2023 college year.- Opens Oct. 1st

“Scholarships & Financial Aid” Webinar- Oct. 4th

Attend the Financial Aid Night- Oct. 8th

Participate in the SAT School Day- Oct. 13th

Participate in the On-the-Spot Admission Day- Oct. 15th

# SENIOR TIMELINE FOR COLLEGE

## November:

Continue to submit college applications. Be mindful of Nov. 1st deadline for some colleges.

Visit college campuses in-person or virtually

“Goal Setting” Webinar- Nov. 15th

## December:

Be mindful of College Application Deadlines.  
Dec. 1st deadline for some colleges.

Finish the semester strong academically (GPA & Rank will be re-calculated)

“Time Management” Webinar- Dec. 6th

# SENIOR TIMELINE FOR COLLEGE

## January:

Continue to apply for scholarships

“Finding the Right Fit for College”-Webinar- TBD

## February:

“Next Steps to College Enrollment”- Webinar- TBD

## March:

Complete FAFSA by March 1st

Review and compare Financial Aid Award Letters

## April:

Continue to visit college campuses in-person or virtually

Stay on track with your academics

## May:

May 1st National Decision Day

Baccalaureate Mass May 24th

Graduation Day May 25th

# COLLEGE TERMS

- **Class Rank:** determines how a student's performance compares to other students in the same grade level. Some universities/colleges will base your admission on rank, while others may not.
- **SAT scores:** one of the determining factors of admission and merit based scholarship to a university/college. \*COVID-19 changed the review process for many colleges.
- **Test-Optional:** students are not required to submit test scores to a college that is “test-optional”.
- **Superscore:** colleges will consider your highest section scores from all the dates you took the SAT in order to obtain your highest possible composite score.

# COLLEGE TERMS

- **Rolling Admission:** the college accepts applications year round, therefore, students may submit an application at any time. There is no hard deadline date.
- **Early Decision:** a student who is accepted as an early decision applicant must attend the college. This is a binding agreement.
- **Early Action:** students receive an early response to their application but do not have to officially commit to the college until the May 1 National Decision Day.

# APPLYING TO COLLEGE

- College applications opened early August for most schools
- Various application deadlines
- Application Fee Waivers available
- Apply through institution website, ApplyTexas, or Common App

**\*Monthly Counselor Webinar: “Applying to College”-September 8th at 6pm via Google Meet**



# TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Student Loans and Parent Loans
- Work-study (Student employment)

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