

## Student

# College Prep Timeline



## Summer prior to senior year

- **Set Up your FSA ID for the FAFSA, if you haven't already done so**
- **Help parent(s) set up FSA ID for FAFSA**
- Visit colleges
- Narrow college choices
- **Identify admissions and financial aid priority deadlines for final college list and aid available in your state**
- Build a resume of high school activities and accomplishments
- Register with NCAA Clearinghouse (if needed)
- Start admissions application essay(s)

## Fall semester

- Take a rigorous curriculum
- Visit colleges
- Continue participation in extracurricular activities

### August & September

- **Register and retake the ACT and/or SAT**
- **Finalize your college application list**
- **Secure fee waivers for testing and applications (if eligible)**
- Participate in visits by college representatives at your school/in your community
- Ask selected teachers for recommendation letters
- **Begin completing college applications**

### October

- **Take the ACT and/or SAT**
- **Complete college applications**
- **Submit the FAFSA (and Profile if needed) by priority deadlines**
- Know all admissions and financial aid deadlines

- Use your scholarship search engines
- Identify local scholarship opportunities and begin applications

### November

- **Submit the FAFSA (and Profile if needed) by priority deadlines if you haven't already done so**
- Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy
- Provide any additional paperwork requested for admissions or financial aid applications
- **Track your college applications and keep copies of all college paperwork**
- Complete individual college scholarship applications (if required)

### December

- Act on any Early Decision application responses
- **Review early award letters received**
- Establish college email accounts when instructed by admissions letters
- **Keep list of log-ins and passwords for any college accounts established**
- Complete additional college applications
- Complete the FAFSA if not already done or add any colleges you applied to not previously listed

## Spring semester

- Continue using scholarship search engines
- **Review all admissions decision notifications**
- Provide any additional paperwork requested for admissions or financial aid applications
- **Log into and monitor critical messages in your college emails**
- **Do final comparison of all financial aid award letters**
- Send mid-year reports if necessary
- **Make your final college choice**
- Complete any enrollment deposit and/or housing information required
- Notify the colleges you will NOT be attending
- Complete any registration required for college orientation
- **Make arrangements to send final high school transcript, AP and/or IB scores and dual credit transcript, if needed**
- Finish strong academically