



College Planning Checklist for Seniors

Senior year is a season to finish strong, lean on your preparation, and confidently step into the exciting next chapter God has prepared for you in college and beyond.

FALL (SEPTEMBER–NOVEMBER)

- Put your high school résumé into the Common App, including all honors, clubs, organizations, sports, and leadership positions.
- Finalize your college essay after working with editors over the summer.
- Attend Senior Night to get updates about the college application process and Senior Trip.
- Take the School Day SAT and/or ACT in October.
- Decide what application rounds you will apply to for each college on your list.
- Apply to four to eight colleges EARLY to maximize acceptance and scholarship opportunities.
- Request letters of recommendation from teachers with whom you have built strong relationships.
- Complete all applications by October 1 to give the senior counselor time to review prior to submitting them with your parents.
- Open and monitor college application portals to determine what additional information is required to complete your application.
- Request that your transcripts be sent to the colleges where you are applying.
- Complete the FAFSA with your parents to apply for financial aid.
- Finish your applications early so you can enjoy all the fun senior year festivities!

WINTER (DECEMBER–FEBRUARY)

- Visit colleges that you have applied to or been accepted to, especially if they are out of state.
- Continue to monitor your application portals-this is where you will find out if you are accepted!
- Continue testing to reach your Bright Futures goals or for regular decision applications.
- Complete the Florida Financial Aid Application for Bright Futures.
- Notify the College planning office of your acceptances!

SPRING (MARCH–MAY)

- Continue to monitor your application portals-this is where you will find out if you are accepted!
- Notify the College Planning Office of your acceptances and where you have decided to attend!
- Pay your deposit to the college you are attending and register for an orientation session.
- Prepare for AP exams if applicable.
- Continue testing to reach your Bright Futures goals.
- Finish your senior year strong!
- Enjoy your Senior Trip and GRADUATE!

SUMMER (JUNE–AUGUST)

- Continue testing through the last ACT in July and the SAT in August to try to reach your Bright Futures goals if applicable.
- Must submit the Bright Futures application by August 31 of your graduating year.