

Senior To Do List Class of 2019

Summer:

- Required: Develop your Naviance “Colleges I’m Applying To” list. Be sure to include a “safety” school, a “reach” school, and a “dream” school).
- Update & complete resume.
- Request recommendation letters through Naviance AND via email with resume attached.
- Use a calendar to track application & scholarship deadlines for all colleges on your list.
- Take a test prep class (if you still need to increase your testing scores), and register for additional SAT/ACT tests. Keep in mind that November may be the last SAT & October the last ACT to meet deadlines for UT, A&M, & selective universities. Check deadlines!
- Write all essays that are required. (Check each college’s website for requirements.) Make sure someone reviews them (English teacher, counselor, etc.).
- NCAA clearinghouse – Potential college athletes, make sure you’re registered:
<http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future>.
- Keep college application passwords & user names in Naviance/About Me/My Journal for safe-keeping so counselor can help with problems or questions.
- Create an ApplyTexas account if applying to state schools in Texas (opens July 1 before senior year begins).
- Create a Common App account. Most colleges won’t allow you to submit apps until August, but you may create your account in March of your junior year.
- Complete the FERPA waiver in the Common App. Colleges want you to check “yes” to waive your right to read recommendation letters.
- Match Common App to Naviance under “colleges I’m applying to” to enable teachers/counselor to submit recs/transcript, if applicable.
- Confirm all SAT/ACT scores were sent to each college. If not, SEND THEM NOW!

August-September: Complete and submit your college applications. Once applications have been submitted, email the counselor to request transcripts and recommendation letters. Once accepted, notify the counselor so your name/pennant can be added to the red wall in the hallway.



September: Set up a college check-in meeting with your counselor to give a quick progress update.

October 1: Goal for finishing & submitting ALL college apps! (*You won't make this if you don't write essays in the summer.*)

October 1: FAFSA opens for parents to submit financial info to determine financial aid eligibility:
<https://fafsa.gov/index.htm>

October 1: Complete scholarship applications. Check to see if separate application is required. (Some colleges use your admission application as the scholarship application.)

October 31: Check with each school through your college application portal to verify all application documents have been received.

- Transcript
- Test scores from SAT or ACT
- Application
- Application Fee
- Essays*
- Resume*
- Counselor Recommendation*
- Teacher Rec*
- Interview*
- Dorm Application/deposit

November: Send thank you notes to all who wrote recommendation letters for you.

December 1: Deadline for UT & Texas A&M. Your entire application must be completed & received.

January - March: Return to campuses to visit/choose dorms to confirm choice.

March 31: Accept Financial Award Package from college; which scholarships, loans, grants will you accept or deny?

March - April: Request dorm deposit refund from colleges you will not attend.

March - April: Sign up for summer orientation at your college.

May 1: Deadline for "Reply" date to inform colleges of your commitment to attend.