

COLLEGE PLANNING TIMELINE for Junior/Senior Years

Fall Junior Year:

- College Fair: Monday, October 4, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Jack Stephens Center, UALR campus
- October 13: PSAT
- Meet with college admission reps visiting campus

Winter Junior Year:

- 2nd Semester: College Counseling Classes
- Student conference with college counselor
- Register to take one ACT, one SAT, and 3 Subject Tests by June test dates
- February 1 – Parent Questionnaire and Parent Essay due
- Develop and research prospective list of colleges (Coll. Search, Guide Books, Internet, Campus Visits, etc.)

Spring Junior Year:

- Family conference (if desired)
- Investigate prospective list of colleges (Guide Books, College Brochures, Internet, Campus Visits, etc.)
- Take at least one ACT and one SAT by June test dates. Test not available again until September

Summer before Senior Year:

- Narrow down prospective list of colleges (Guide Books, Coll. Brochures, Internet, Campus Visits, etc.)
- Call, write, or e-mail colleges to request applications and/or begin work on Common App
- Begin drafting application essay(s)

August-September Senior Year:

- Student conference with College Counselor
- Re-register to take ACT and SAT
- Narrow list of prospective colleges

Mid October Senior Year:

- Application list complete and entered on Naviance Family Connection
- Secure teacher recommendation(s)
- Enter transcript requests on Naviance Family Connection (at least 1 month ahead of deadlines)

November Senior Year:

- November 1 – Early Decision and Early Action deadline for many colleges
- Advisable time to submit CSS PROFILE if applying for financial assistance

December Senior Year:

- December 1 – all transcript requests logged on Naviance Family Connection
- Last chance for ACT and SAT testing before selective college deadlines

January Senior Year:

- January 1 and 15 – Typical application deadline for many selective colleges

Mid February Senior Year – Priority deadline for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

April 1, Senior Year – Common deadline for selective admissions notification

May 1, Senior Year – Candidate Response Deadline: date by which deposit is due to 1st Choice school and others informed of plans to attend elsewhere

June Senior Year – Final transcript mailed to college choice