

College Planning Guide

12th Grade Checklist: *When do I do what?*

September:

- _____ Register for the October ACT and/or the SAT (*it is highly recommended to take your College Admissions Exam more than once*)
- _____ Register with the **NCAA Clearinghouse** (*if you plan to play Division I or II sports*)
- _____ Research Colleges / Schedule college campus visits (virtual tours)
- _____ Research and apply for scholarships (*check your 2021 Google Classroom for local and national scholarship notifications, and conduct a scholarship search on Naviance*)
- _____ Register for the FAFSA Information Meeting on October 1st (link below)
<https://admissions.catalyst.uc.edu/register/?id=4802e245-00f1-43e5-9c1a-c74f22f3ae9b>

October:

- _____ **Begin applying to your choice college(s) and two “back up” schools** (*be aware of early application deadlines, competitive programs often have a November 1st deadline*)
- _____ FAFSA Opens October 1st
- _____ Research and apply for scholarships
- _____ Make college campus visits (register for these visits on the college’s website)

November:

- _____ Submit all additional material to each college:
 - _____ Transcript (requests must be sent through Naviance)
 - _____ Secondary School Report or Counselor Verification Form (if applicable)
 - _____ Essay (if applicable)
 - _____ Letters of Recommendation (if applicable)
 - _____ Application Fee
- _____ Continue to research and apply for scholarships
- _____ Make college campus visits

December - January:

- _____ Continue to research and apply for scholarships

February:

- _____ Update FAFSA documents with new 2020 tax information
- _____ Complete local scholarship packet (available on your 2021 Google Classroom Page)

April:

- _____ Submit all scholarship letters to Mrs. Hunt for our Senior Awards Ceremony
- _____ Review Financial Aid package, determine what you will be using, and complete **all** paperwork (including housing confirmation and your deposit)

May:

- _____ Complete Final Transcript Request form and submit to Mrs. Hunt