

## Senior Timeline

### Pulling Your Applications Together

- Narrow your list of colleges to between 5 and 10 and review it with your college counselor. Visit as many as possible.
- Make a master calendar and note:
  - Test dates, fees, and deadlines
  - College application due dates
  - Required financial aid applications and their deadline.
  - Recommendations, transcripts, and other necessary materials
- Write application essays and ask teachers, parents, and friends to read first drafts.

### Applying Early Action or Early Decision

- November 1: For early admissions, colleges may require test scores and applications in early November.
- Send your SAT scores at [collegeboard.com](http://collegeboard.com) and your ACT scores through [ACT.org](http://ACT.org)
- Ask if your college offers an early estimate of financial aid eligibility.

### Application Details

- Most regular applications are due between January 1 and February 15.
- Keep copies of everything you send to colleges. Request your transcript be sent to the colleges through Mrs. Boice by filling out a Transcript Request Form.
- Contact colleges to make sure they've received all your application materials.

### Financial Aid: Apply Early. Apply Right.

- You and your family should save this year's pay stubs to estimate income on aid forms that you'll file early next year.
- Submit your FAFSA as soon after January 1 as possible. Men 18 or older must register for the selective service to receive federal financial aid.
- Many priority financial aid deadlines fall in February. To get the most attractive award package, apply by the priority date. Keep copies of everything you send.
- You should get acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April.
- If you haven't already, visit your final college before accepting.

### May 1: Making Your Final Choice

- You must tell every college of your acceptance or rejection of offers of admission or financial aid by May 1.
- Send a deposit to the college you choose.
- Wait-listed? If you plan to enroll upon acceptance, tell the admissions director your intent and ask how to strengthen your application.
- Need financial aid? Ask if funds will be available if you're accepted.
- Request that your final transcript be sent to your college through Mrs. Boice by filling out a Transcript Request Form.