

College Checklist

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Senior Year

Fall

- Create a final résumé that includes your summer activities and new or continued club/team activities.
- Finalize your college essays.
- Take the **SAT** and/or **ACT**. Remember you can take the test more than once.
- Make sure your transcript and records are up-to-date.
- Check requirements and deadlines for the colleges of your choice.
- Florida Students: Complete your **Florida Financial Aid Application**. (Application opens October 1st of your Senior year)
- Apply for Financial Aid. Submit your **FAFSA** along with any other financial aid forms required by the college. (Application opens October 1st of your Senior year).
- Ask references for letters of recommendation so they can be submitted to the colleges of your choice.
- Complete and submit all your college applications by their deadlines.
- Check that colleges received all materials: application, letters of recommendations, and test scores.

Spring

- Maintain your second semester grades and beware of senioritis/laziness. Colleges can rescind their acceptances if your grades plummet drastically.
- Admission letters begin arriving. Watch for them in the mail!
- Visit all colleges that have offered you admission, one last time.
- Compare financial aid packages.
- Make a final choice of the college you will attend. (This date may vary by institution, so know the correct date).
- Graduate high school!

Summer

- Start your summer reading for your freshman year.
- Start packing for college.

