The College Application Timetable

Did you know? Students who visit a highly selective college campus are up to 40% more likely to be accepted to that school.	**Spring** of Junior Year	**Summer** before Senior Year	**Fall** of Senior Year	**Winter & Spring** of Senior Year & Beyond
Visit College Campuses and Attend College Fairs		ongoing		
Register & Study for SAT	**2020 SAT test dates** 3/14/2020 – 5/2/2020 – 6/6/2020 – 8/29/2020 – 10/3/2020 – 11/7/2020 – 12/5/2020			
Register & Study for ACT	**2020 ACT test dates** 4/4/2020 – 6/13/2020 – 7/18/2020 – 9/12/2020 – 10/24/2020 – 12/12/2020			
Finalize College List 3 reach, 3 target, 3 likely		Use Naviance college research tools to identify colleges that are the best match & fit.		
Apply to College			Many colleges begin accepting applications starting on **August 1st.** **Check college admissions websites for specific deadlines**	
Request Recommendations and Transcripts		Beginning **August 1st**, use Naviance to request transcripts and teacher letters of recommendation. **Talk to teacher recommenders _in person_ before submitting your recommendation request in Naviance**		
Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)			Submit FAFSA starting on **October 1st** **check college websites for more info. on financial aid deadlines**	
Apply for Scholarships			Scholarship applications can be due as early as **September** **Check scholarship websites for specific deadlines**	
Commit to a College			Students must commit to a college on or before National Decision Day, **May 1st**	

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Spring - Summer		Student Checklist	Parent or Guardian Checklist
	Visit College Campuses and Attend College Fairs	❑ Engage with admissions reps in-person, over the phone, and through email.	❑ Work with your student to plan spring & summer visits to the colleges they are most interested in.
	Register & Study for SAT	❑ Go to www.collegeboard.org to register for the spring SAT. You can always take it again in the fall if you want a better score. ❑ Come up with a study plan and stick to it!	❑ Talk to your student about paying for the SAT ($50-65). Register early to avoid paying an extra $30 late fee. **fee waivers are available**
	Register & Study for ACT	❑ Go to www.act.org to register for the spring ACT. You can always take it again in the fall if you want a better score. ❑ Come up with a study plan and stick to it!	❑ Talk to your student about paying for the ACT ($52-68). Register early to avoid paying an extra $30 late fee. **fee waivers are available**
	Finalize College List 3 reach, 3 target, 3 likely	❑ Carefully consider the criteria you are looking for in a college and the admissions requirements for each school to finalize your college list and which deadlines you want to shoot for. **Use Naviance & college websites to help you make informed decisions about where to apply.**	❑ Talk to your student about where they are planning to apply and what criteria matters to them most.

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	Student Checklist	**Parent or Guardian Checklist**
Fall - Winter		
Apply to College	❑ Refer to college admissions websites for more information on how to apply. Most colleges begin accepting applications on **August 1st.**	❑ Talk to your student about how to pay for college application fees. Fees can range from $25 to $90 per application. **fee waivers are available**
Request Recommendations and Transcripts	❑ Speak to teachers directly to find out what they require in order to provide you with a written recommendation ❑ <u>Use Naviance to request ALL letters of recommendation and transcripts for colleges you are applying to.</u>	
Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	❑ Go to https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid to learn more about the FAFSA. ❑ Submit your FAFSA application as early as **October 1st.**	❑ Parents and guardians should go to https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out to identify what financial information is needed to complete the FAFSA successfully.
Apply for Scholarships	❑ Use resources like the Naviance Scholarship Search to find out which scholarships you're eligible for. ❑ Apply well in advance of scholarship deadlines.	❑ Discuss finances with your student. Let them know if there is a "financial gap" between the costs of college that would not be met by household contributions + federal financial aid. How much will the student need from other sources in order to attend college?
Commit to a College	❑ College Decision Day is **May 1st** but many colleges would like you to commit earlier!	❑ Talk to your student about each college they are accepted to. Is it a good fit for them? Academically? Culturally? Financially? Help them make their final decision.