

SENIOR YEAR COLLEGE "TO DO" LIST BY MONTH

Do not lose focus on grades. Continue your good study habits. Make sure that you are taking the classes that are needed for college. Don't slack off and take an easy course load. Colleges will be looking at your senior schedule and they will be looking for challenging classes. Continue to take part in extra curricular activities.

August

- Register for October SAT or ACT if taking
- Update senior bio
- Look for volunteer experiences
- Compile a list of schools you are considering applying to
- Review senior schedule – continue to take strong, college preparatory courses
- Parents and students continue searching for a visiting colleges
- Collect financial aid documents in preparation for October filing



September

- Make grades and attendance a priority
- Request teacher recommendations on Naviance (*after asking in person*)
- Check FDR guidance website weekly
- Register for November SAT or Oct ACT
- Sign waiver and connect CommonApp on Naviance
- Narrow down college list
- Continue with extracurricular activities
- Ask two teachers for letters of recommendation and provide them with senior bio
- Visit campuses/schedule interviews
- Attend FDR Financial Aid night
- Register online for the Common App
- Work on college essays
- Start researching scholarships (check guidance website for last years' list)
- Ranks are distributed in senior interviews
- Apply for 2 FAFSA ID (1 for parent and 1 for student)
- Be on the look out for your senior interview appt. Enter prospective colleges into Naviance
- Watch Early Action and Early Decision deadlines!**

October

- Make grades and attendance a priority
- Register for November SAT or Dec ACT
- Take SAT or ACT if registered for October tests
- Finalize college list
- Visit campuses/schedule interviews
- Edit and re-write college essay
- Make sure FDR transcripts are error free!
- Research/apply for scholarships
- Attend a College Application Week event
- Attend DCC and other local college fairs
- Meet with admission reps who visit FDR all fall
- Talk with counselor about taking ASVAB
- Continue to watch deadlines – COMPLETE APPLICATIONS FOR EA/ED SCHOOLS
- Submit the FAFSA
- Complete CSS Profile (if required) and check if school specific financial aid forms are needed

November

- Make grades and attendance a priority
- Register for December SAT or ACT
- Once testing is complete send test scores to colleges
- Visit campuses/schedule interviews
- Finalize college essay
- Finalize college list
- Research/apply for scholarships
- End quarter on a good note – colleges can request first quarter grades

December/January

- Make grades and attendance a priority
- Take ACT or SAT if necessary
- Research/apply to scholarships
- If you haven't already done so, send SAT or ACT scores to colleges you apply to
- Visit campuses/schedule interviews
- Aim to have all applications done by winter break
- If accepted Early Decision, withdraw applications from all other schools
- End semester on a good note – colleges will receive mid-year grades!
- Thank you notes to recommenders
- Follow up with schools to make sure all application materials have been received

February-June

- Keep grades up – colleges will receive final transcripts
- Review FDR Guidance website for special ed resources
- Apply to scholarships
- Attend accepted student days
- Update FDR Guidance with admissions decisions and any scholarships you've been awarded
- Meet with your guidance counselor if you want to discuss your final choices or financial aid packages
- Submit any housing forms and deposits by stated deadlines
- Alert schools that accepted you if you are not coming to them
- Record college admission decisions on Naviance and indicate final school choice