

SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE

AUGUST

- Review Transcript: Know what you need to graduate
- Familiarize yourself with www.gafutures.org since you will apply to colleges and request in-state transcripts from this site
- Check HOPE Rigor requirements (must have a minimum of 4) and your HOPE GPA
- Finalize College List: Know where you plan to apply. Attend Probe Fairs and visit colleges
- If you need to take or retake the SAT/ACT or need to take SAT II tests, register for them now
- Check our College Visit calendar and sign up for those colleges in which you are interested
- Start college applications. Many colleges offer Early Action deadlines, usually in October, that allow you to apply early and then learn early if you have been accepted.

SEPTEMBER

- **Have your parents attend the Senior Parent Meeting on Curriculum Night to learn about the College Application Process**
- Make sure to turn in your green Student Resume to Student Services; your selected teacher will turn in the rec for you.
- Check the forms for your college applications to determine what is needed for each application. If a teacher recommendation is needed, ask a teacher if they will write your recommendation and give them 2 weeks to complete it (always use the electronic option if available)
- Start checking the Scholarship tab on the Student Services icon on our website for scholarship opportunities. Check out Fastweb.com or Scholarships.com

OCTOBER

- If you are an athlete planning to play for a Division I or II college, apply to the NCAA Eligibility Center online (NAIA if necessary)
- Have your parents start the FAFSA to apply for Financial Aid. Check www.gafutures.org for FAFSA information
- **Have parents attend Financial Aid Night— TBD and more info. to come**

NOVEMBER

- Continue completing your applications
- Continue searching for scholarships

DECEMBER

- Complete and submit all applications
- Study for 1st semester exams

JANUARY

- Some colleges require midyear reports. If so, complete them now
- Start applying for Student Housing, even if you're not sure where you've been accepted or where you plan to attend
- Ck your HOPE GPA on GA Futures

FEBRUARY

- Try to complete the FAFSA by March 1
- All males must register with Selective Service when they turn 18

MARCH/APRIL

- College acceptance letters and Financial Aid offers should start arriving—Make your final selection
- Continue applying for scholarships. This is the time of the year that many local scholarships appear on the Student Services icon on our website.
- Tell Student Services your post-secondary plans—college, military, work force, etc.

MAY

- May 1 is the deadline for making your college decision. By May 1, accept a college offer to attend by submitting your deposit.
- After May 1, if colleges have not received your deposit, they will assume you have accepted another offer and, if they still have openings, will now offer admission to students who were previously deferred.
- If you change your mind after May 1, there may not be an opening, even though the college had already accepted you.
- Prepare for your Final Exams. These grades still count, both for college admission and the HOPE scholarship
- Register for Orientation Sessions at your chosen college
- Review the Senior Graduation Packet

JUNE

- Request to send final transcript (info. on website AND in Senior Grad Packet) (www.gafutures.org) for In-state (www.parchment.com) for Out-of-state You are responsible for sending final transcripts