

# Senior Checklist

## September

- If you haven't already, begin your application process NOW. (Note: Some universities have fall deadlines)
- Complete Apply Texas application [www.goapplytexas.org](http://www.goapplytexas.org) and **Common App** [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)
- Retake the SAT and ACT if necessary (dates on back)
- Research colleges through websites (see back)
- Attend **RRISD College Fair** on September 24th at Round Rock HS 6:00 – 8:00 pm
- Update/Review your resume and make multiple copies.
- Give teachers, and counselors recommendation request forms (attach your resume), if you are applying to a Common Application school. You will officially ask for this online through the application process. Allow three weeks!
- [Order transcripts as necessary -\\$5.00 each](#). One Time \$5 fee for all Common App schools.
- Complete college applications and essays.
- Check the WHS counseling website for [dates and times that college reps will be visiting us](#), as well as scholarship postings. Attend sessions to learn more about specific colleges and meet college representatives.
- Attend **the Financial Aid Information Night** at WHS on October 1st at 6:00 in the WHS Cafeteria.

## October

- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opens October 1st for US Citizens! If need help completing FAFSA, attend RRISD FAFSA Completion Night at RRISD Admin Board room on **TBD**
- Register for SAT or ACT if needed, and have those official scores sent DIRECTLY to the college/university
- TASFA opens up October 1st! non-citizens
- Make a college visit when possible.

## November

- Submit admission/scholarship applications for UT and Texas A&M. **A&M and UT deadline is Dec 1.**
- Order Transcripts required for Dec 1 deadline. They MUST be ordered by November 13 to insure delivery on time.
- Write thank you notes to any college representatives who have been especially helpful.
- Check the Scholarship Information on the [counseling website](#) frequently for updates.

## December

- Submit requests for Counselor recommendations and transcripts that are due the first two weeks of January by December 1<sup>st</sup> since school personnel are not available during Winter Break.
- Continue to apply and complete scholarship applications during winter break.

## January/February/ March

- Continue applying for local, national and college scholarships. Mrs Browning will email you weekly
- Submit the FAFSA electronically no later than January 15th for best chance of funds.

## April

- Pay close attention to housing deposit and/or refund dates.
- Submit to Ms. Browning, lead counselor, copies of **ALL** scholarship awards received, to be included in Senior Awards night.

## May

- **May 1<sup>st</sup>** is the national notification date (deadline for notifying colleges of your decision)
- Notify colleges that you WILL NOT attend as well.
- Sign the Westwood Class of 2027 Banner May 3rd
- Have final transcript sent to the college of your choice by completing the Senior Survey.

## Fall 2026 Testing Dates – Westwood CEEB Code 440-326

ACT ([www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org))

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
September 29, 2026	August 14, 2026	September 1, 2026
October 17, 2026	September 11, 2026	September 29, 2026
December 12 2026	November 6, 2026	November 29, 2026

SAT ([www.sat.collegeboard.org](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org))

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Late Registration Deadline</u>
September 12, 2026*	August 28, 2026	September 1, 2026
October 3, 2026*	September 18, 2026	September 22, 2026
November 7, 2026*	October 23, 2026	October 27, 2026
December 5, 2026*	November 20, 2026	November 24, 2026

**See Holly Browning, lead counselor, for SAT/ACT FEE WAIVERS.**

### Frequently used websites:

<a href="http://www.sat.collegeboard.org">www.sat.collegeboard.org</a>	Test and College/Career Information, SAT
<a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a>	Text & College/Career Information, ACT
<a href="http://www.applytexas.org">www.applytexas.org</a>	Application for all public and some private colleges and universities in Texas
<a href="http://www.commonapp.org">www.commonapp.org</a>	Application for 230 selective private and /or out of state schools
<a href="http://www.collegeforalltexas.com">www.collegeforalltexas.com</a>	Texas college search engine
<a href="http://www.collegeconfidential.org">www.collegeconfidential.org</a>	College search engine and some inside scoop on universities
<a href="http://www.collegeview.com">www.collegeview.com</a>	College search engine
<a href="http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org">www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org</a>	College search engine
<a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a>	FAFSA Form & Financial Aid Evaluation
<a href="http://www.finaid.org">www.finaid.org</a>	Financial Aid Information
<a href="http://www.fastweb.org">www.fastweb.org</a>	Scholarships/College and Career Information
<a href="http://www.collegeanswer.com">www.collegeanswer.com</a>	Financial Aid Information
<a href="http://www.austincc.edu">www.austincc.edu</a>	Austin Community College

### Top 10 Most Important Things to do Senior Year:

- 1) Continue to make great grades!
- 2) Start applications early.....finish and submit one or two apps by Halloween!
- 3) DEADLINES! DEADLINES! DEADLINES!
- 4) Take advantage of college visits (you get 2 days!)
- 5) Attend College Night at RRHS (Monday, September 23rd) and college presentations at Westwood throughout the fall
- 6) Continue your role in extracurricular activities, volunteer work, work experience, leadership etc. (update resume)
- 7) Apply for local, national and college scholarships
- 8) Take part in the FAFSA process with parents
- 9) Make your commitment by May 1<sup>st</sup> and share by wearing your tee shirt and signing the banner!
- 10) Enjoy being a senior.....you've worked hard to get here!

**QUESTIONS???** Counselors and College Reps are here to support you through the process – use us!

The Senior powerpoint can be found on the Westwood website – under the Counseling and College Planning tab.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cnE0U8RhmaKAl8puS2sDhvzyydG-d\\_iJiY0fPTsDVW4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1cnE0U8RhmaKAl8puS2sDhvzyydG-d_iJiY0fPTsDVW4/edit?usp=sharing)