

# ***AVID Senior College Application Timeline*** ***--Student Abridged Version--***

## **Application Preparation and Organization**

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| <i>August</i>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Understand your transcript</i></li> <li>• <i>Calculate CSU Indexes</i></li> </ul>                                   |
| <i>September</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Create organized college folder in Google Docs or create Google Site</i></li> <li>• <i>Create résumé</i></li> </ul> |

## **College Search**

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| <i>August</i>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Search for schools</i></li> <li>• <i>Sign up for college center visits on Naviance</i></li> <li>• <i>Investigate WUE schools</i></li> <li>• <i>Investigate rolling admissions schools (e.g. Arizona &amp; Montana)</i></li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <i>September</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Request school information packets</i></li> <li>• <i>Sept. 3rd - College Top 10 List due</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <i>Will include at least three reach, target and safety schools</i></li> <li>◦ <i>Will include SF State</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Sept. 13th - College Shortlist due</i></li> <li>• <i>Determine whether any private schools will be Early Action or Early Decision.</i></li> <li>• <i>Request Fee Waivers</i></li> </ul> |

## **FAFSA**

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| <i>August</i>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Create FAFSA I.D.</i></li> </ul>                                                                                                              |
| <i>September</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Early September. Complete FAFSA worksheets with parents.</i></li> <li>• <i>Sept. 21st - Proof of completed FAFSA worksheet due</i></li> </ul> |
| <i>October</i>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>October 1st - begin and complete FAFSA with parents before beginning CSU apps.</i></li> </ul>                                                 |

## **NAVIANCE**

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| <i>September</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Add Letter of Rec. teachers to Naviance</i></li><li>• <i>Move schools from “Thinking About” to “I’m Applying To”</i></li><li>• <i>Match Naviance to Common App</i></li><li>• <i>Naviance Survey</i></li></ul> |
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## **COMMON APP**

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| <i>September thru October</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Begin Common App for private and some out-of-state schools</i></li></ul>                               |
| <i>November</i>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>For applications due Nov. 30th and Dec. 1st, complete before Thanksgiving Break.</i></li></ul>         |
| <i>December</i>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Complete remaining applications before Winter Break (Many due Dec. 15th and January 1st)</i></li></ul> |

## **SATs / ACTs**

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| <i>August</i>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Decide if you will take another SAT, ACT or SAT II.</i><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ <i>Take the October (registration deadline early September) or November tests. For the December test, students have to rush scores and pay extra, and some schools will not accept.</i></li></ul></li><li>• <i>Create a study plan for upcoming tests.</i></li><li>• <i>Register for new tests.</i></li></ul> |
| <i>October</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Send scores to colleges.</i></li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## **ESSAYS**

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| <i>August</i>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Examine and select UC and Common App prompts</i></li><li>• <i>Research writing tips</i></li></ul> |
| <i>September</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Write and complete rough drafts of essays</i></li></ul>                                           |
| <i>October</i>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Edit Essays</i></li><li>• <i>Essays to Ms. DePaoli by October 15th for feedback</i></li></ul>     |
| <i>November</i>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Final drafts completed and submitted before Thanksgiving Break</i></li></ul>                      |

## CSU

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| September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create CSU Mentor Account and fill in information that can be transferred to actual application.</li></ul>              |
| October   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• October 1st - CSU Application opens.</li><li>• Complete optional EOP</li></ul>                                          |
| November  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• November 19th - AVID recommends completion by this date</li><li>• November 30th - Absolute deadline to submit</li></ul> |

## UC

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| August                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Examine and select UC Essay prompts</li><li>• August 1st- UC Applications open.</li></ul>                              |
| September thru October | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Write and complete drafts of UC Essays</li></ul>                                                                       |
| November               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• November 19th - AVID expectation to submit by this day</li><li>• November 30th - Absolute last day to submit</li></ul> |

## Letters of Rec

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| August    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ask teachers for letters. This will only be for Private Schools or a few out-of-state schools. UCs and CSUs do not require letters.</li><li>• Create Recommendation Packet to give to teachers.</li></ul> |
| September | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Add teachers on Naviance and Common App</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                         |
| December  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thank you letters/presents for recommenders</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                     |

## **Scholarships**

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| <i>November</i>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Begin Scholarship research</i></li></ul>                                                 |
| <i>December</i>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Submit first scholarship application. Confirmation due before winter break</i></li></ul> |
| <i>January thru April</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Continue to submit scholarships</i></li></ul>                                            |

## **Spring Maintenance**

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| <i>January thru March</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Frequently check portals and email for requested information from colleges.</i></li><li>• <i>Inform AVID family about acceptances and rejections</i></li><li>• <i>Make sure all transcripts and scores have been submitted</i></li></ul> |
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## **Choosing Your School**

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| <i>February thru April</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Research how to choose a college</i></li><li>• <i>Total cost breakdowns of schools</i></li><li>• <i>Research campus job availabilities</i></li></ul> |
| <i>May</i>                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>May 1 - Decision deadline for most schools</i></li><li>• <i>Submit fees, registration and housing documents</i></li></ul>                            |
| <i>June</i>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Request final Carlmont transcript sent to school</i></li></ul>                                                                                       |