



College Planning: 12th Grade Timeline

Aug-Oct	1. Building a College List	Decide on 8-10 colleges; include likelies, targets and reaches and at least 2 in state public school	
		Sign up for college campus visits	
		Register to join college mailing lists through admissions websites	
		Use the Net Price Calculator to compare college cost	
		Find deadlines and create your application timeline	
Aug-Nov	2. Take Standardized Tests	Register for SAT and ACT	
		Check out SAT/ACT prep books and online resources (UPchieve 1:1 SAT tutoring)	
		Review scores and retake if necessary	
July-Sept of senior year	4. Personal Statement & Essays	Use brainstorming resources to outline your personal statement	
		Brainstorm and outline Common App prompts	
		Complete supplemental Common App questions/essays	
Varies	5. Scholarships	Apply for state scholarships	
		Search for local scholarships	
		Search for National scholarships (Questbridge, Posse, Horatio Alger, etc)	
Aug-Jan	6. Applications	Contact schools and your counselor about application fee waivers	
		Ask teachers + counselors for letter of recommendations if needed	

		Complete applications	
October	7. Financial Aid	Complete FAFSA	
		Complete CSS Profile if required	
		Send tax forms to financial aid offices of colleges who request them	
Jan-May	8. Comparing offers and making decisions	Review and compare financial aid awards, accept an offer of admissions by May 1!	