

SENIOR YEAR - EXECUTE

All Year Long

- Be sure to check your **Class of 2024 Google Classroom** for important information. If you're not in the classroom, [please join today](#).
- Review the [EDHS Graduation Requirements](#) to make sure you are on track. These requirements show what you need to graduate from EDHS vs. what you need to be able to apply to a 4-year college.
- Be sure to read through any StudentSquare emails you receive. They contain important information. [Join StudentSquare](#) if you have not already.
- Keep your grades up. Acceptances are conditional, and colleges expect the GPA you applied with to stay roughly the same.
- Continue to participate in extracurricular activities outside of class.
- Attend CCC (College & Career Center) workshops like senior applications, college representative visits, scholarship presentations, and more. These will be available during Flex Time.
- Check your college application portals (after applying) and email regularly.
- Send colleges any additional information they request promptly.
- Review the [College Admission Glossary](#) to become familiar with college lingo.

August/September

- **AUGUST 1st:** UC application opens for Fall 2024. You can begin to work on your application and Personal Insight Questions. [Review our "Tips & Tricks" document](#) for help with UC and other college applications.
- Finalize your college list, requirements, and deadlines for each college you are applying to.
- Decide if you are applying Early Decision (ED), Early Action (EA), or Regular Decision (RD) (see definitions in [Glossary](#)) for each college.
- Work on your college applications in small increments so as not to overwhelm yourself later on.
- Keep a log of the different websites, username/password data for each college application portal.
- [Complete a brag sheet](#). These are used to help teachers write letters of recommendation for college or for scholarships.
- Check your high school transcripts and make sure they are accurate (found on Aeries).
- **Optional** Take the ACT/SAT one more time, if needed
- Request official transcripts to be sent to colleges that require them. These can be requested in the Counseling Office.
- Send ACT/SAT scores through the College Board (SAT) or ACT official sites to colleges you are applying to **if needed**.
- Sign Up for an AP test if taking AP classes.

October/November

- **OCTOBER 1st:**
 - **CSU application opens.**
 - **UC applications can now be submitted from Oct. 1 through Nov. 30.**
- **Optional** Take the ACT/SAT for the final time.
- Finish your college essay(s) and personal statements.
- Complete and send out all EA and ED applications by late October (Typically Nov. 1 deadline).
- Fill out the [CSS Profile](#) if needed for your colleges.

November:

- **NOVEMBER 1st: Local scholarship applications become available.** The College & Career Center will send information regarding applications in late October.
- **NOVEMBER 30th: CSU and UC application deadline.** Try to submit these before Thanksgiving break.

December

- **FAFSA application opens.** FAFSA is now required by the state of California.
- **CADAA application opens.** This is a free financial aid application for students who are undocumented.
- Regular Decision (RD) deadlines for private or out-of-state colleges are typically around January 1. Complete and send out all RD applications no later than mid-December.
- If you applied to a college EA or ED, you should receive admissions decisions around mid-December.
- If accepted ED, pull all other submitted applications.
- Thank all of your "letter of recommendation" writers.

January

- If deferred, send an email to the admissions representative. Reaffirm your interest in the school and offer them any updates to your application (awards, achievements).
- Start to receive RD admissions decisions. CSUs and UCs typically announce decisions in mid-March.
- Create and check your college portals and emails regularly. Be sure to respond to any correspondence immediately.
- If any of your colleges require mid-year transcripts (1st semester Senior grades), you can request those in the Counseling office.

February

FEBRUARY 1st: Deadline for local scholarship applications.

March/April

- **MARCH 2nd: FAFSA DEADLINE** (*Remember that FAFSA opened in October and the sooner you apply the more aid you receive. March 2nd is the last day to apply.*)
- Colleges have until April 1st to release acceptance decisions.
- Colleges will begin to send you Financial Aid Award Letters stating the financial aid they can offer you. Evaluate those letters and visit with your counselor for help.
- Plan visits to accepted colleges if needed to make your final decision. Attend admitted student day if offered admission to learn more about a college before accepting.

May

- **MAY 1st:** Accept admission to your college of choice by May 1st or earlier. May 1st is a national acceptance date. Once you accept an admission offer, you should let other colleges know that you do not plan to attend.
- Enroll and submit a deposit to your college of choice by May 1.
- If you have been waitlisted, make sure to let the school know you are still interested by writing a Letter of Continued Interest.
- Sign up for campus housing if you plan to live on your college campus for Freshman year.

Summer

- Sign up for College Orientation Sessions.
- Check your college portal for any additional information needed by your college of choice.
- Send your AP Scores to the college you are attending.
- If waitlisted, continue to check email for notifications.