

12th Grade Timeline - Twelfth Grade Year

All Year

- Continually check your email and parent portal.
- **Check in to your Google Classroom page! Here you will receive updates on scholarships, upcoming events, college rep visits, and other helpful resources.**
- Continue to take a full course load of college-prep courses. Consider taking Dual Enrollment, Off-Campus Internship, Work Experience, or other electives that interest you!
- Keep working on your grades. Make sure you have taken the courses necessary to graduate in the spring.
- Continue to participate in extracurricular and volunteer activities. Demonstrate initiative, creativity, commitment, and leadership in each.
- Use a planner, calendar, or other organizational tool to keep track of important dates, deadlines, and events.

Fall

- If you have not developed a plan for what you would like to do after high school, meet with your counselor as soon as possible
- Make sure to discuss your post-secondary plan with your counselor, teacher, parent(s)/guardian(s) or anyone else who is assisting you in the process.
- If you are considering the military, make sure to take the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery). You can schedule this exam with a local recruiter.
- Attend the College Fair in November! Almost 200 colleges/universities/technical schools will be represented (November).
- Give recommendation forms/requests for letters of recommendation to the teachers you have chosen and/or your counselor. Please provide **at least 2 weeks' notice** prior to the application/letter being due. Include a list of your resume/goals/ambitions as well as instructions for how the letters are to be sent.
- **Complete your Parchment form! This is the ONLY way to request transcripts for the schools you are applying to and for the businesses you will be applying to.**
- Register for and take the ACT Assessment, SAT, or SAT II Subject Tests, as necessary.
- If you need a formal test score report to be sent to your college/university, you will need to contact College Board (SAT) and ACT Student (ACT) directly. **The high school does not send your test score report.** We can only include test scores on your high school transcript.

- College Board recommends applying to 4-6 schools (1-2 perfect fit schools, 1-2 back-up schools, and 1-2 reach schools).
- If you are applying Early Action/Early Decision most deadlines are Oct 15th, Nov 1st, or Nov 15th.
- If you are applying for regular admission, it is recommended to have applications submitted by Thanksgiving or Winter Break.
- **Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA)** and, if necessary, the **CSS PROFILE®**. These forms can be obtained online: FAFSA fafsa.ed.gov, PHEAA www.pheaa.org and the CSS PROFILE® <https://student.collegeboard.org>. These forms will be available October 1 of your senior year.
- Do you need help completing the FAFSA? Contact Steven Held at sheld@kheaa.com.
- To male students: you **must register** for selective service on your eighteenth birthday to be eligible for federal and state financial aid. Males may register by checking the appropriate box on the FAFSA Application.
- Make sure to print extra copies or make photocopies of every application you send

Winter

- Check the Google Classroom and Daily Announcements regarding Scholarship opportunities
- **Send midyear grade reports to colleges**
- Mail or send electronically any remaining applications and financial aid forms before winter break
- **Follow up** to make sure that the colleges have received all application information, including recommendations and test scores
- Keep working in your classes! Grades and courses continue to count throughout your senior year.

Spring

- **Watch your mail** between March 1 and April 1 for acceptance notifications from colleges
- Continue to apply for scholarships! You may be eligible for more scholarships than you think, so apply for as many as you can!
- Watch your mail for notification of financial aid awards between April 1 and May 1.
- **Compare the financial aid packages** from the colleges and universities that have accepted you.

- ***Make your final choice and notify all schools of your intent by May 1.*** If possible, do not decide without making at least one campus visit. Send your nonrefundable deposit to your chosen school by May 1 as well.
- AP Exams - May
- ***Complete your Senior Survey!***
- Complete follow-up paperwork for the college of your choice (scheduling, orientation session, housing arrangements, and other necessary forms).
- Congratulations! You have made it through these past 4 years, now it's time to look forward to graduation!

College Tips

- If possible, ***visit colleges*** while classes are in session
- Visit the CollegeBoard site (<https://www.collegeboard.org>) for college search and scholarship information. Check out Big Future
- Meet with college admissions reps who come to visit our school
- Attend local college fairs