

Senior Planning Timeline 2025-2026

September

- Check SEHS Work-in-Progress transcript to confirm that graduation requirements will be completed (enough credits in each subject, incomplete grades updated to complete).
- Send transcripts from schools other than SEHS that show credits earned off campus to South's registrar, Melinda Shull (shull@4j.lane.edu), if you want them to count towards SEHS graduation.
- If you haven't already, complete the Junior Project Course in [Canvas](#) (mini independent-study college/career readiness course).
- Register to take or retake the [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) in the fall, if necessary.
- **September 1 (ish):** [Oregon Promise Grant](#) application opens for Oregon community-college-bound students to submit.

October

- Finalize a list of colleges or post-high school programs where you plan to apply. Attend college-rep visits and college fairs, and visit colleges in person to help you decide. Check out [Finding a College that Fits](#), a 25-minute video specific to SEHS students (recorded in 8/2024).
- Search websites of selected colleges to see the financial aid/scholarships each school offers, how to apply for the aid, and applicable deadlines.
- [Schedule](#) and complete your Senior Interview with your counselor during the first semester. Seniors applying for early-action or early-decision admission should schedule their interview for sooner rather than later.
- Once you know where you want to apply, begin doing so. The [Common App](#) allows you to apply to many colleges at once with a single application.
- If you are 4-year-college bound, pick up the *Purple Packet* from Jessica Kuehn (secretary in the counseling center) and begin completing it. This is a critical part of the 4-year-college application process.
- **October 1:** First day to submit [FAFSA](#) or [ORSAA](#). (The college-bound senior and [parent\(s\)](#) must all create separate [FSA IDs](#) before filling out the [FAFSA](#).)
- **October 1:** First day to submit [CSS Profile](#) to access institutional financial aid (aid from a college). Check the [CSS Profile Participating Institutions and Programs](#) list to see if your schools require the Profile.
- **October 23:** *SEHS Financial Aid Night Webinar*, a virtual event beginning at 7 pm about paying for college. 2025 event recording: [SEHS Financial Aid Night webinar](#)
- If you are a Classic South senior and have selected the [Senior Experience](#) as your Senior Project, begin it early. Ask your counselor if you have questions about it. Other Senior Project options include CAS hours plus the extended essay for IHS students, the [SEHS CTE Project](#) or [4J CTE Project \(aka CALCI Program\)](#) for Classic South seniors, and the [Outdoor Leadership CAM](#) for Classic South seniors, all of which have their own timelines, which are shared with students by the classroom teachers of the various projects.

November–December

- **November 1–February 15:** 4-year college applications due to most 4-year colleges
- **November 1:** Common early-action deadline for 4-year colleges
- **November 1:** [OSAC Scholarship](#) applications available
- **November 6:** SEHS FAFSA/ORSAA Completion Workshop @ 6:30 pm in room 6. Complete the FAFSA or ORSAA at SEHS with help from experts.

- **November 6:** [Duck Express \(UO Application Workshop\)](#) from 10:50-12:50 in SEHS room 3

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November–December (cont’d)

- **November 15:** Regular admission deadline for the University of Washington
- **December 1:** Regular admission deadline for all University of California and California State University schools
- [Junior/Senior Resources](#) newsletter rollout. Includes useful tips for juniors and seniors.

January

- **January 1:** [LCC Foundation Scholarship](#) application available (approximate date)
- **January–April:** If you are a Classic South senior and have selected the [Senior Experience](#) as your Senior Project, present your display board at one of the Senior Experience Showcases. Ask your counselor if you have questions about this.
- **January–May:** Apply for [private scholarships](#). Most, but not all, deadlines fall in this range.

February–March

- **February:** Counselors send the *Senior Parent Mailing*, a letter that details each student’s Senior Interview checklist, transcript, and graduation timeline.
- **February 3:** Submit Lane Community College applications after this date for best course placement results (after semester 1 grades have been assigned), but apply soon after to get the most benefit from financial aid.
- **February 15:** 4-year college applications due to most colleges before now
- **February 17:** Early Bird deadline for [OSAC Scholarship](#) application. (Error-free applications entered into a drawing for \$1,000 Early Bird Scholarship)
- **March 2:** Regular deadline for [OSAC Scholarship](#) application
- **March 3:** Regular deadline for [LCC Foundation Scholarship](#) application

April

- **Late March/early April:** Graduation announcements distributed
- **April 1:** College-admission and financial-aid offers sent to students from 4-year colleges by today
- **Mid-April:** Counselors notify families of seniors who are not cleared to participate in graduation ceremony by this date
- Order final transcripts from South to be sent to the college you will attend in the fall.

May–June

- **January–May:** Apply for [private scholarships](#). Apply for [private scholarships](#). Most, but not all, deadlines fall in this range.
- **May 1:** Deadline to decide where to enroll for applicants to most U.S. colleges and universities
- **May:** Caps and gowns distributed
- **June 1:** [Oregon Promise](#) application deadline
- **June 5:** Last day of school for seniors
- **June 5:** IHS graduation (usually 7 pm at the Hult Center)
- **June 9:** SEHS graduation (usually 7 pm at the Hult Center)

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