

# Future Planning

## for Seniors

## September

**Read your EHS Counseling Newsletter!**

**Sign up for the October ACT or November SAT.** Many schools are test optional this year, so you may not need an ACT/SAT score. Check the university's admission policy.

**Narrow your list of colleges to between five and 10.** Visit each college's website & explore college applications and financial aid forms. Plan to visit as many of these colleges as possible.

**Create a master list or calendar that includes:**

- Tests you'll take and their fees, dates and registration deadlines
- College application due dates
- Required financial aid application forms and their deadlines (aid applications may be due before college applications)
- Other materials you'll need (recommendations, transcripts, etc.)

**If you can't afford application or test fees,** a counselor can help you request a fee waiver.

**Request to have your college admission test scores sent** to the colleges to which you are applying if you are choosing that option.

**Complete your senior conference** with your EHS school counselor. This conference is mandatory.

**Plan to visit with college representatives** visiting EHS as well as local college fairs (may be done virtually).

**Start the Financial Aid process** by visiting <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> and attending our **fall Financial Aid Meeting**.

## October

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**Try to finalize your college choices. Prepare early decision/early action or rolling admission applications** as soon as possible. For early action/decision admission, some colleges may require test scores and applications between Nov 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>!

**Ask a counselor or teacher for recommendations** if you need them. Complete the Senior Inventory Survey and request for a recommendation in Naviance. Keep in mind a teacher/counselor will need at least two weeks to prepare your recommendation.

**If you're submitting essays, write first drafts** and ask teachers and others to read them. If you're applying for early decision, finish the essays for that application now.

**Complete your mandatory senior conference** with your EHS school counselor.

**Attend college representative visits @ EHS(virtual) as well as local college fairs.**



## November

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**We suggest completing college apps by Thanksgiving (or earlier for early action).**

**Submit transcript request forms to ensure your transcript is sent to the colleges you apply to. You must request the transcript in Naviance and on the Google Form!** Give counselors any other required forms at least two weeks before the colleges require them.

**Complete the FAFSA.** Many colleges have a priority deadline of December 1<sup>st</sup> for financial aid applications!

## December

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**As you finish and send your applications and essays**, be sure to keep copies. You may be able to reuse some of your essays for scholarship applications.

**If the college wants to see first-semester grades**, be sure to request a mid year transcript be sent in Naviance.

## January

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**Check for scholarships in Naviance!** Many scholarships will start to become available after the start of the new year. Continue to check Naviance weekly for new scholarship postings.

## February

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**No senioritis, please!** Colleges will look at your final grades/transcript in May!

## March

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**Keep active in school.** If you are wait listed, the college will want to know what you have accomplished between the time you applied and the time you learned of its decision.

## April

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**You should receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers by mid-April.** If you've not done so yet, visit your final college before accepting. As soon as you decide, notify your counselor of your choice.

## May

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**May 1: Colleges cannot require your deposit or your commitment to attend before May 1.** By that postmarked date, you must inform every college of your acceptance or rejection of the offer of admission and/or financial aid.

**Send your deposit to one college only.**

**Wait listed by a college?** If you intend to enroll if you are accepted, tell the admission director your intent and ask how to strengthen your application. Need financial aid? Ask whether funds will be available if you're accepted.

Work with a counselor to resolve any admission or financial aid problems.

**Take Advanced Placement exams (if enrolled).**

## June

**Ask your high school to send a final transcript to your college in Naviance.**

For more college planning tools and guidance, visit Naviance.

Source: The College Board.