

Senior College Planning Calendar

Adapted from the College Board Action Plan (www.collegeboard.com)

Here are some dates to keep in mind as you begin planning for college. Missing one of the dates could hinder you from a smooth process in getting into your preferred college or university.

<p>Fall Term (August – December)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete your lists of colleges: “Colleges I wish I can get accepted” & “Colleges I know I can get accepted” (recommendation: 2-5 colleges per list). <input type="checkbox"/> Begin filling out applications. <input type="checkbox"/> Decide which major to declare when applying for college (even if it means “Undecided”). <input type="checkbox"/> Ask certain teachers/administrators to fill out recommendation forms/letters for your application packet, and have them completed by October 15. <input type="checkbox"/> Write your personal statement/essay (if necessary) and have a peer and teacher/administrator proof-read it. <input type="checkbox"/> Finish filling out scholarship applications. **For many college/university-funded scholarships, application packets are often due during the Fall Term. <input type="checkbox"/> The ACT will be offered October 27 & December 8 (application deadline: September 21 & November 2). Plan on this as the last time you take the ACT. <input type="checkbox"/> Request transcripts to be sent to every college you are applying (you will need the mailing addresses of their Admissions Department). <input type="checkbox"/> If recommendation letters, personal statement/essay, and application have all been completed, then send in your application packet(s).
<p>Winter Term (January – March)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Finish and mail all application packets from your lists of colleges. <input type="checkbox"/> Check application deadlines for FAFSA (free application for federal student aid) and begin filling it out in January. <input type="checkbox"/> The SAT will be offered here at MVA on January 27 (application deadline: December 26). This should only be taken if necessary. <input type="checkbox"/> Send any missing paperwork from application packets to the colleges (i.e. recommendation forms, personal statement/essay, transcripts). <input type="checkbox"/> The ACT will be offered February 9 (application deadline: January 4). This test should only be taken if necessary. <input type="checkbox"/> **Most non-SDA colleges/universities’ applications are due February 1.
<p>Spring Term (April – June)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete FAFSA applications. <input type="checkbox"/> After receiving responses from colleges, make the final decision of where you will be attending by May 1. Notify all other colleges that you have selected another college. If you are on the waiting list, be sure to <u>call</u> them and inform them that you are still very interested in attending. <input type="checkbox"/> Inform the chosen college of the financial aid awards you will be accepting and declining.
<p>Summer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Have the Registrar’s Office forward your final transcript to your chosen college. <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer/find a job that corresponds to your declared major. <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for the next stage of your life. Congradulations!

