


# The College Application Timetable

 <b>Did you know?</b> Students who visit a highly selective college campus are up to 40% more likely to be accepted to that school.	Spring of Junior Year	Summer before Senior Year	Fall of Senior Year	Winter & Spring of Senior Year & Beyond
<b>Visit College Campuses and Attend College Fairs</b>	ongoing			
<b>Register &amp; Study for SAT</b>	<b>2020 SAT test dates-</b> 3/14/2020 – 5/2/2020 – 6/6/2020 – 8/29/2020 – 10/3/2020 – 11/7/2020 – 12/5/2020			
<b>Register &amp; Study for ACT</b>	<b>2020 ACT test dates-</b> 4/4/2020 – 6/13/2020 – 7/18/2020 – 9/12/2020 – 10/24/2020 – 12/12/2020			
<b>Finalize College List</b> 3 reach, 3 target, 3 likely	Use Naviance college research tools to identify colleges that are the best match & fit.			
<b>Apply to College</b>	Start applying on <b>August 1st</b> . <b>**Check college application deadlines in Naviance**</b>			
<b>Request Recommendations and Transcripts</b>	Beginning <b>August 1<sup>st</sup></b> , use Naviance to request transcripts and teacher letters of recommendation. <b>**Talk to teacher recommenders <i>in person</i> before submitting your recommendation request in Naviance**</b> <b>Do not invite recommenders in Common App until after August 1<sup>st</sup> after you match your Common App and Naviance accounts.</b>			
<b>Complete the FAFSA</b> (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	Submit FAFSA starting on <b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b> <b>**check college websites for more info. on financial aid deadlines**</b>			
<b>Apply for Scholarships</b>	Scholarship applications can be due as early as <b>September</b> <b>**Check scholarship websites for specific deadlines**</b>			
<b>Commit to a College</b>	Students must commit to a college on or before National Decision Day, <b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b>			

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**Did you know?** Naviance College, Career, and Life Readiness lessons (purple box at the bottom of your Naviance homepage) can help you navigate the major milestones of your senior year.

Spring - Summer

	<b>Student Checklist</b>	<b>Parent or Guardian Checklist</b>
<p><b>Visit College Campuses and Attend College Fairs</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Engage with admissions reps in-person, over the phone, and through email.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Work with your student to plan spring &amp; summer visits to the colleges they are most interested in.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Register &amp; Study for SAT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Go to <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a> to register for the spring SAT. You can always take it again in the fall if you want a better score.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Come up with a study plan and stick to it!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Talk to your student about paying for the SAT (\$50-65). Register early to avoid paying an extra \$30 late fee.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">**fee waivers are available**</p>
<p><b>Register &amp; Study for ACT</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Go to <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a> to register for the spring ACT. You can always take it again in the fall if you want a better score.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Come up with a study plan and stick to it!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Talk to your student about paying for the ACT (\$52-68). Register early to avoid paying an extra \$30 late fee.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">**fee waivers are available**</p>
<p><b>Finalize College List</b> 3 reach, 3 target, 3 likely</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Carefully consider the criteria you are looking for in a college and the admissions requirements for each school to finalize your college list and which deadlines you want to shoot for.</li> </ul> <p>**Use Naviance &amp; college websites to help you make informed decisions about where to apply.**</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Talk to your student about where they are planning to apply and what criteria matters to them most.</li> </ul>

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 **Did you know?** You are twice as likely to get into a college if you apply for Early Action rather than Regular Decision.

		Student Checklist	Parent or Guardian Checklist
<b>Fall - Winter</b>	<b>Apply to College</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Refer to college admissions websites for more information on how to apply. Most colleges begin accepting applications on <b>August 1<sup>st</sup></b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Talk to your student about how to pay for college application fees. Fees can range from \$25 to \$90 per application.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">**fee waivers are available**</p>
	Request Recommendations and Transcripts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Speak to teachers directly to find out what they require in order to provide you with a written recommendation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use Naviance to request ALL letters of recommendation and transcripts for colleges you are applying to. Do not invite recommenders in Common App until after August 1<sup>st</sup> after you match your Common App and Naviance accounts. (see your high school's counseling website for instructions)</li> </ul>	
	Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Go to <a href="https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid">https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid</a> to learn more about the FAFSA.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Submit your FAFSA application as early as <b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Parents and guardians should go to <a href="https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out">https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out</a> to identify what financial information is needed to complete the FAFSA successfully.</li> </ul>
	Apply for Scholarships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Use resources like the Naviance Scholarship Search to find out which scholarships you're eligible for.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Apply well in advance of scholarship deadlines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Discuss finances with your student. Let them know if there is a "financial gap" between the costs of college that would not be met by household contributions + federal financial aid. How much will the student need from other sources in order to attend college?</li> </ul>
	Commit to a College	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> College Decision Day is <b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b> but many colleges would like you to commit earlier!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Talk to your student about each college they are accepted to. Is it a good fit for them? Academically? Culturally? Financially? Help them make their final decision.</li> </ul>