

THE COLLEGE SEARCH PROCESS

March/April:

Collect Information About Colleges –

- College Fairs
- Guidance Offices
- Parents/Friends/Teachers

Develop an Idea of What Type of College You Are Looking For –

- 4-year or 2-year
- Private or Public
- Local or Out-of-town
- Large or Small

Register for College Exams –

- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT)
- American College Testing Assessment (ACT)

May/June:

Finalize appropriate courses for your senior year to meet college entrance requirements.

July/August

Visit College Campuses –

- Talk to graduates and current students from the school.
- Some schools require interviews (this is a perfect time to take care of them).

Sept.-Nov.

Fill Out Applications to Schools You Are Interested In (narrow choices to 3-5 schools) –

- Meet with guidance counselors to check forms, mail transcripts and answer questions.
- Check admissions deadlines.
- Meet with college representatives when they visit your school.
- Maintain or improve academic grades during senior year.
- Retake SAT or ACT if you need improvement.

Financial Aid Forms Should Be Sent Out (as soon after October 1st as possible) –

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)
- College's own financial aid form

December

Make Sure All Applications And Transcripts Are In Before The Holidays

Jan.-March

Keep in Contact With the Colleges –

- If you have made a decision, make sure all schools know about that decision.
- Send in tuition deposits (program enrollment may be limited).

April

Final Decisions Should Be Made

- May 1st is universal decision deadline!!

May

Tie Up Loose Ends –

- Financial Aid
- Housing
- Entrance requirements

June-August

Register for Classes –

- Placement tests (math & composition)
- Schedules
- Orientation