

Junior/Senior Year Counseling College Application Timeline 2020-2021

January/February 2020

- Feb. 11 Learning Lunch - *College Admission Match Activity*
- Develop an initial college list in Naviance
- Conduct ICP (Individual College Planning) meeting with your counselor (check email for details)
- Meet with Bill Bufton or your head coach if you plan to participate in varsity collegiate athletics
 - Update your SportsRecruits Account
- Confirm with your counselor which teacher you prefer for a recommendation

March/April 2020

- Mar. 12 Learning Lunch - *Creative Ways to Fund College*
- Look for an email with Teacher Recommendation details
- Work on your resume
- Visit college campuses
- Meet college admissions officers at the Spring College Fair
 - March 29, 2020 from 12:00-2:30 pm at Cherry Creek High School
- Register for Senior classes (see newsletter for details)
- Take ACT at Valor on April 7, 2020 (no registration is required)
 - We recommend also taking the June 13 National ACT Test—Register online
- Apr. 9 Learning Lunch - *Comparing Medical Careers*
- Apr. 22 Learning Lunch - *Honors Colleges*

May/June 2020

- Look for an email with details about the Application Process
- Take AP Exams and SAT Subject Test if applicable
- Take SAT if applicable
- May 5 Learning Lunch - *Starting Your College Essay*
- Officially ask your teacher for a recommendation

July/August 2020

- Continue researching colleges and narrowing down your list in Naviance
- Contemplate and decide on ED (Early Decision) or EA (Early Action) application process for your colleges
- Learn admission requirements and deadlines for your colleges
- Continue researching outside scholarships
- Register for Fall ACT or SAT and/or SAT Subject Tests, if applicable
- Attend college essay workshop on August 4 and 6 (Sign up at GoValor.com/Students/Applying-For-College)

September/October 2020

- Conduct Senior ICP with counselor
- Complete online college applications and/or Common App and make copies for Application Review Deadline
- Send your ACT/SAT scores from testing agency websites at least two weeks prior to any college deadline
- Request transcripts/recommendation letters to be sent to colleges (using Naviance) after submitting your application or three days prior to your deadline
- Attend College Day at Valor (October 8)
- Visit college campuses you are interested in during Fall Break
- Determine if any of your colleges require or recommend an interview—schedule as needed
- Complete FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1 (and CSS Profile as applicable)

November/December 2020

- Early Action and Early Decision deadlines usually due by Nov 1, Nov 15, or Dec 1
- Send thank you notes to teachers for writing letters of recommendation
- Submit completed college applications if you haven't already—don't wait for test scores
- Continue to apply for scholarships with early deadlines
- Retake ACT/SAT if needed

January/February 2021

- Contact financial aid offices of favored colleges in order to account for the most aid possible
- Complete any additional forms and documents required by colleges
- Mid-year transcripts will be submitted by your counselor by the end of January unless you request otherwise
- Update colleges if you have dropped an AP or core academic class at the semester

THE COMMON APPLICATION

Instructions for Common App

1. Go to commonapp.org/how-apply
2. We recommend completing the majority of your Common App before the start of your senior year

Build A College List in Naviance

1. Sign into Naviance
2. Click on the 'Colleges' tab at the upper right-hand corner
3. Click on 'Colleges I'm Thinking About'
4. Click 'Add Colleges to List' and search by keyword to add specific colleges

Including ACT Scores in Your Application

1. When you register for the test, you may select up to four schools to automatically receive your score report
2. If you'd like your scores sent to a school you didn't initially request, go to act.org and create an account with your ACT ID# from your score report
3. Prevent delays by avoiding mistakes when you provide your personal information and your ACT I.D. from your score report

March/April 2021

- Make your final college choice—most colleges notify students by mid-April and the national confirmation date is May 1
- Notify schools you will **not** be attending
- Register for Colorado Opportunity Fund at CollegeinColorado.org if attending college in Colorado
- Update Naviance with College Admission decisions

May 2021

- Required:** complete Graduation Survey in Naviance by May 2
- Valor College Counseling office will **automatically** send final transcripts to your confirmed college
- Commencement—CONGRATULATIONS!

National Test Dates 2020 - 2021

To Register:
SAT - collegeboard.org
ACT - act.org

SAT

May 2, 2020
June 6, 2020
August 29, 2020
October 3, 2020
November 7, 2020
December 5, 2020

ACT

June 13, 2020
July 18, 2020
September 12, 2020
October 24, 2020
December 12, 2020
February 6, 2021

**Due to COVID-19, please check the testing websites for latest on test dates*

Application Review Deadlines

As a senior, you'll have the option to choose one of four review deadlines for targeted completion of your applications. The College Counseling Office will review your applications individually and return them to you with feedback well before your college application deadlines.

The Application Review deadlines are:

Sept 1 Sept 15 Oct 6 Nov 3
Students signed up for a date during their ICP meeting.
If you have not yet chosen a date, please reach out to your counselor.