



BEVERLY HILLS HIGH SCHOOL

SENIOR YEAR “PREP FOR COLLEGE” TIMELINE

Summer before Senior Year

- Make up D or F grades on your transcript.
- Continue your college research. Read [guidebooks](#), visit [websites](#), talk to current students, and [visit](#) college campuses. Read about admission and application requirements.
- In [Naviance Family Connection](#), make a list of colleges you want to apply to, if you have not done so already. This list should include at least 2-3 “definite” schools, 2-3 “target” schools, and 2-3 “reach” schools.
- Organize yourself with a bin or file folder or binder. Write down all application deadlines and requirements.
- Review your senior year course selection and make sure it meets your colleges’ admission requirements.
- Make a list of all essay and short answer topics for each college. Brainstorm ideas for all essays/questions.
- Student athletes must register with [NCAA Eligibility Center](#) (if you haven’t done so already during your Junior year) and send an official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center using [Parchment](#).
- Register to take the [SAT](#) and/or [ACT](#) exams in the fall, if needed.
- Request admission or alumni interviews for schools that require it.
- Work on the Brag Sheet for Counselors available in [Naviance Family Connection](#).
- Look into [scholarships](#). It is never too early to search for scholarships.
- Stay engaged in the college admissions process- subscribe to Ms. Rowley’s blog (www.collegecounselorowley.com) or like the BHHS College Center on Facebook (www.facebook.com/bhhscollegecenter).

Dates in August

Aug 1: UC Application available
Aug 25: SAT (register by July 27)
Aug 29: Kick Off to College Night

August

- Start the Common Application at www.commonapp.org.
- Start the UC application at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply, available on August 1 but cannot submit until November.
- Check your email regularly for information from the [Counseling](#) department on deadlines, college visits, college workshops, and required procedures.
- Check [Naviance](#) for upcoming [college visits](#) and sign up in Naviance to meet with the college reps.
- If the college you are interested in is not visiting BHHS, check the college website for scheduled visits or receptions in the Los Angeles area.
- Visit the [College Center](#) and make an appointment to discuss your college choices.
- Finalize your “colleges I’m applying to” list in [Naviance](#); reduce your list to 7-10 schools. This list should include at least 2-3 “definite” schools and 2-3 “target” schools and can include 2-3 “reach” schools.
- Contact each teacher that you want a letter of recommendation from. Meet with them in person and follow their instructions and deadlines.
- Work on the Brag Sheet for Counselors (available in [Naviance](#)) if you are applying Early Decision, Early Action, Restrictive Early Action, or rolling admissions.
- Begin writing your college essays or continue to edit your essays.
- Order an **unofficial** transcript through [Parchment](#) and review it for accuracy. Are all grades correct? Are all courses/grades recorded?
- Attend [College Monday Workshops](#) on topics related to the college application process- **Mondays @ lunch!**

Dates in September

Sept 8: ACT (register by Aug 10)

September

- Schedule a meeting with your [counselor](#) to finalize your college list. Be sure to update your “colleges I’m applying to” list in [Naviance](#) to reflect your final application plan.
- Check [Naviance](#) for upcoming [college visits](#) and sign up in [Naviance](#) to meet with the college reps.
- If the college you are interested in is not visiting BHHS, check the college website for scheduled visits or receptions in the Los Angeles area.

- Complete the Brag Sheet for Counselors (available in [Naviance](#)) if you are applying Early Decision, Early Action, Restrictive Early Action, or rolling admissions.
- Continue writing/editing your college essays and short answer questions.
- Work hard in your classes- first semester grades count! If you are applying early, keep in mind that many colleges request progress reports.
- Request for your test scores to be sent directly from the testing agency to the colleges or universities you are applying (For SAT: www.collegeboard.com and ACT: www.actstudent.org).
- Check the monthly [scholarship newsletters](#) available on the [College Center](#) website and [Naviance](#), and start applying for scholarships.

October

- [Brag Sheet](#) for Counselors due on **October 1** to your counselor for Early Decision, Early Action/Restrictive Early Action, and rolling admissions. Provide your teachers with materials they requested.
- NEW! [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is available on October 1! Complete and submit the FAFSA now to get your EFC. Submit no later than March 2 or earlier (check with individual colleges) for financial aid eligibility.
- Complete all ED/EA/REA applications and submit by November 1.
- Start your CSU application at www.csumentor.org, available on October 1. Try to complete and submit it in October.
- Continue to work on other applications and essays, including the [UC](#) & [CSU](#) applications.
- Order your official transcript through [Parchment](#) to be sent to colleges with ED/EA/REA deadlines and rolling admissions.
- Retake [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) exams if needed; register for December SAT or ACT if needed.
- Attend the Financial Aid Workshop; remind your parents to gather financial records for upcoming applications.
- Complete the [Brag Sheet](#) for Counselors for Regular Decision applications.
- Register for [CSS Profile](#) (financial aid form for private schools) on www.collegeboard.com for schools that require it.

Dates in October

Oct 1: Deadline to request teacher & counselor rec letters for Early apps
 Oct 1: FAFSA available www.fafsa.gov
 Oct 6: SAT (register by Sept 7)
 Oct 16: College Connections Fair @ BHHS
 Oct 10: College Day @ BHHS
 Oct 27: ACT (register by Sept 28)

November

- [Brag Sheet](#) for Counselors due on **November 1** to your counselor for Regular Decision applications. Provide your teachers with materials they requested.
- Continue to work on college applications (especially [UC](#) and [CSU](#) applications!) and essays.
- Finalize your “colleges I’m applying to” list in [Naviance](#).
- Submit [UC](#) and [CSU](#) applications by **November 30**. NO EXCEPTIONS to this deadline.

Dates in November

Nov 1: Deadline to request teacher & counselor rec letters for Regular Decision
 Nov 3: SAT (register by Oct 5)
 Nov 1-15: Early Decision/ Action deadlines
 Nov 30: UC & CSU application deadline

December

- Many schools, including [USC](#) and [Boston University](#), have **December 1** deadlines for scholarship consideration. If you miss this deadline, you will not be considered for merit scholarships.
- Complete ALL other college applications.
- Order your official transcript through [Parchment](#) to be sent to colleges, if you haven’t done so already.
- Don’t forget to send your official [SAT](#) or [ACT](#) scores to the colleges and universities!!! Request for your test scores to be sent directly from the testing agency to the colleges or universities you are applying (For SAT: www.collegeboard.com and ACT: www.actstudent.org).
- Update your “colleges I’m applying to” list in [Naviance](#) as needed and notify your counselor of changes.
- If you got admitted as Early Decision, notify other colleges and withdraw all other applications in progress.
- Study for your finals and do well! Your Senior year grades **DO** matter.

Dates in December

Dec 1: Deadline for scholarship consideration at many schools
 Dec 1: SAT (register by Nov 2)
 Dec 8: ACT (register by Nov 2)

- Write a thank you note to your teachers and counselor who wrote you a recommendation letter.

January

- Remember to submit your [FAFSA](#) and meet financial aid deadlines set by your colleges.
- Carefully review the [Student Aid Report](#) (SAR) and make revisions as necessary.
- For schools that require it, submit your Mid Year Report requests to your counselor.
- Notify all colleges in writing if you have a change in your Senior year class schedule.
- Respond to all requests for additional information from your colleges.
- Research [scholarship](#) opportunities.

February

- Check with colleges by calling, emailing, or on their website, to make sure that your application has been completed and all required documents were received.
- Complete all [financial aid](#) forms. Many colleges have financial aid application deadlines in February.
- Continue your [scholarship](#) search.

March

- [FAFSA](#) and Cal Grant GPA Verification due March 2 for all California public schools.
- Stay in touch with the financial aid offices to better understand your financial aid packages.
- Check your e-mail regularly for college notifications and admission decisions.
- [Visit](#) schools that you are admitted to and are considering attending.
- Let your counselor know of your admission decisions and update your Naviance list with decisions.
- Continue your [scholarship](#) search.

April

- [Visit](#) schools that you are admitted to and considering attending. Attend Open Houses and local receptions for admitted students.
- Compare [financial aid](#) packages. Contact financial aid offices if you have questions about your aid package.
- Make your decision on which school you will attend.
- If you are [waitlisted](#) and wish to pursue admission to that institution, write to the school and follow their instructions. Talk to your counselor if you have questions.

May

- Notify your **ONE** school of choice by **May 1** and pay the commitment deposit fee. Let all other colleges know that you will not be attending their schools.
- Celebrate with your classmates at the College Pennant Party on **May 1**
- Complete the Graduation Survey in [Naviance](#).
- Submit housing forms as early as possible to ensure your choice of residence hall and pay the deposit.
- Take AP exams and study for finals.
- Continue attending classes and doing well; you **must** maintain your academic profile. Colleges **DO** look at your final senior grades because admission offers are conditional pending your continued academic performance through the end of your senior year. Meaning, college acceptances can be rescinded!

Dates in May/June

May 1: National College
Decision Day
May 1: Pennant Party!

June

- Order your final high school transcript on [Parchment](#) to be sent to the school you will be attending.
- Student athletes must request a final transcript to be sent to the college as well as the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#).
- If you have taken classes at a college or community college, request that these transcripts be sent to your college in order to receive credit for the classes.
- Request that [AP scores](#) be sent to the college you will enroll in so that you can receive college credit.
- Attend Freshman Orientation, take appropriate placement exams and register for Fall classes.
- Make sure to thank everyone who helped you this year. Send thank you notes to your teachers, counselors, family members, and scholarship donors.
- Have a great summer and look forward to the amazing adventure that awaits you!