

# College Application Timeline

## JUNIOR YEAR

<b>Fall</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take the most rigorous classes you can while earning the highest grade</li> </ul>
<b>Winter</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research/apply for summer programs and jobs</li> <li>Register and Prep for SAT/ACT (free materials @ Khan Academy)</li> <li>Check if SAT Subject tests are necessary for your schools/register for them</li> </ul>
<b>Spring</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take 1<sup>st</sup> SAT/ACT</li> <li>Finalize summer programs/jobs</li> <li>Research 4-yr campuses, develop college list in Naviance</li> <li>Art/Theater/Music students: determine portfolio/audition requirements</li> <li>Do well in all your classes</li> <li>Register for COC summer classes</li> </ul>
<b>June July August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do well in COC summer classes, if applicable</li> <li>Attend summer programs/jobs</li> <li>Visit campuses—in person or virtually</li> <li><b>July 1<sup>st</sup></b>—Finalize college list in Naviance</li> <li><b>August 1<sup>st</sup></b> —CommonApp, UC, and Coalition applications <b>OPEN—Begin applications</b></li> <li><b>August--early—Complete Brag Sheet</b> in Naviance if appropriate</li> <li><b>REQUEST</b> Letters of Recommendation—<b>Sept 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for teachers/counselor</b></li> <li>Draft application essay(s)</li> <li>Art/Theater/Music students: work on portfolio/audition requirements</li> <li>Begin scholarship search</li> </ul>

<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take the SAT/ACT/SAT Subjects</li> <li><b>Work on Applications</b></li> <li><b>REQUEST</b> Letters of Recommendation—<b>Sept 30<sup>th</sup> deadline for teachers/counselor</b></li> <li><b>REQUEST</b> LP transcripts and COC transcripts as applicable</li> <li>Decide if Early Decision/Early Action</li> <li>Art/Theater/Music students: work on portfolio/audition requirements</li> <li><b>Attend College &amp; Career Fair – Thursday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm - GVHS</b></li> <li><b>Cash for College Night – Tuesday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm - COC</b></li> </ul>
<b>October</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work on applications</li> <li>Submit Early Decision/Action contract if applicable</li> <li>Submit Rolling Decision school applications</li> <li><b>October 1<sup>st</sup></b>—CSU application <b>OPENS—begin application</b></li> <li>Art/Theater/Music students: work on portfolio/audition requirements</li> <li><b>FAFSA OPENS October 1<sup>st</sup>; Complete CSS Profile if necessary (check schools)</b></li> </ul>
<b>November and December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Finalize</b> applications—<b>UC/CSU November 30<sup>th</sup> deadline</b></li> <li>Last chance for SAT/ACT (no December for UC)</li> <li>Send official test scores from testing agencies</li> <li>Art/Theater/Music students: portfolio submission begins, schedule audition</li> <li>Search for scholarships</li> <li>No communication with LP staff over winter break—be careful of early January deadlines</li> </ul>
<b>January through June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CalGrant eligibility--FAFSA due no later than March 2<sup>nd</sup>—earlier FAFSA submission better</li> <li>Receive application decisions (February- early April)</li> <li>Make a decision: four year college or community college</li> <li>April: Financial Aid packages usually arrive</li> <li>May 1<sup>st</sup>: National Student Intent to Register—accept offer and make deposit</li> <li>Graduate!!!</li> </ul>

## SENIOR YEAR