

Senior Year Timeline

August/September

- **Register for the SAT and/or ACT** if you need to raise your score.
- **Start your college applications** and consider all the different pieces of information you will need to compile.
- **Visit with your school counselor** to make sure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admission requirements.
- **Take every opportunity to get to know colleges:** meeting with college representatives who visit your high schools during the fall, attending local college fairs, visiting college campuses. Seniors get two college visit days.
- **Narrow down your list of colleges** and consider all factors of each college such as admission requirements and costs of each institution.
- **Create a checklist and calendar** to chart due dates.
- **If enlisting, meet with a recruiter.**

October

- **Complete applications.** Some colleges will have deadlines as early as this month. We encourage all students to apply to their respective colleges before fall break.
- **Ask your counselor about fee waivers** if you are a student on free/reduced lunch or participate in the 21st Century Scholars program.
- **Make sure ACT and/or SAT test scores are sent directly from the testing center.** Many colleges will accept test scores from the high school transcript. However, some colleges like IU Bloomington and Purdue will not. Scores must be sent to them directly from the testing provider.
- **Request personal recommendations from teachers, school counselors, or employers.** Recommendations can make the difference in admissions and especially scholarship consideration. It is best to give two weeks' notice to potential recommenders to get the best quality of letter.
- **Research scholarship opportunities.** Most scholarships begin announcing their availability in October. Check the guidance scholarship newsletter, college websites, and national search engines like FastWeb for the broadest search.
- **Register and pay for your AP Exams.**

November

- **Attend FAFSA information night with your parent/guarding at WeBo.**
- **Get a Personal Identification Number (PIN)** at www.pin.ed.gov for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A PIN is required to sign the FAFSA.
- **Keep checking for scholarships.**

December

- **If you are “wait-listed” by a college you really want to attend**, contact the admission office to make your interest clear. Ask how you can strengthen your application.
- **If you have applied to Purdue West Lafayette-** Check their scholarship and FAFSA deadlines.

January/ February

- **If you haven’t already, start the FAFSA.** The FAFSA is good for one academic year and is used at two- year and four- year schools. Indiana’s deadline is early April, but the sooner the FAFSA is completed, the better.
- **If you haven’t applied to colleges you may want to attend yet, complete them.** Many colleges have firm application deadlines of January 1st or February 15th.
- **Attend College Goal Sunday** if you need help completing the FAFSA.

March

- **Don’t slack in the classroom.** While most of your applications are completed and you are waiting on admission decisions, the college will want to see your second semester transcript. Poor grades can mean a withdrawal of an acceptance to college.

April

- Colleges will send out financial aid award letters in March and April. **Read and compare financial aid offers carefully.** Use the “Compare Your Aid Awards” tool on College Board’s website to see which school has made the best offer.
- **Decide which college to attend.** Most colleges have an acceptance deadline of May 1st.
- **Accept any financial aid offers you want and pay your enrollment deposit.** Most have a deadline of May 1st.
- **Indiana’s deadline to file your FAFSA.**

May

- **Make sure to request a final copy of your transcript be sent to the college you will be attending.** You can do this through your Parchment account.
- **If you are a 21st Century Scholar, make sure all ScholarTrack activities are completed.**

June

- **Check to make sure all paperwork has been completed.**
- **Request any dual credit transcripts be sent to the college you will be starting at in August.**
- **Attend summer orientation at your college.**