

College Readiness Checklist

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12th Grade

Fall

- Check requirements and deadlines for the colleges of your choice. Be sure to submit your application and materials on time!
- Update your resume. Include summer work and new or continued club/team activities.
- Finalize your college essays.
- Ask for letters of recommendation.
- Take the SAT and/or ACT. Remember, you can take the tests more than once.
- Ensure your transcripts and records are up to date.
- Apply for financial aid. Submit FAFSA and other financial aid forms required by the college. FAFSA opens October 1st of your senior year.
- Florida Students: Complete your Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA). The application opens October 1st of your senior year.
- Verify that colleges received your application, letters of recommendations, and test scores.

Spring

- Maintain your second semester grades and beware of “Senioritis.” Colleges can withdraw their acceptances if your grades drastically decline.
- Compare financial aid packages.
- Admission letters begin arriving! Watch for them in the mail.
- If possible, take one last campus visit to the colleges that offer you admission.
- Make a final choice of the college you will attend. (This date may vary by college, so know the correct date).
- Graduate high school. Be proud of your great accomplishment!

Summer

- Start your summer reading for your college freshman year.
- Start packing for college.

