

College Readiness Checklist

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12th Grade

Fall

- Create a final resume that includes your summer activities and any new or continued club/team activities.
- Finalize your college essays.
- Take the **SAT** and/or **ACT**. Remember, you can take the test more than once.
- Make sure your transcript and records are up to date.
- Check requirements and deadlines for the colleges of your choice.
- Florida Students: Complete your **Florida Financial Aid Application**. (Application opens October 1st of your senior year)
- Apply for financial aid. Submit your **FAFSA** along with any other financial aid forms required by the college. (Application opens October 1st of your senior year).
- Ask your references for letters of recommendation so they can be submitted to colleges.
- Complete and submit all your college applications by their deadlines.
- Check that colleges received all materials: 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 decline drastically.
- Admission letters begin arriving. Watch for them in the mail!
- If possible, visit all colleges one last time that have offered you admission.
- Compare financial aid packages.
- Make a final choice of the college you will attend. (This date may vary by institution, so know the correct date).
- Graduate high school.

Summer

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

