

Spring, Junior year - Research and Preparation

- Research colleges and sign up for tours
- List extracurricular activities and start building a resume
- Brainstorm personal statement
- Catalogue supplemental materials
- Sit for at least one, if not two, SAT/ACT tests
- Sign up for college emails and read them!
- Plan summer activities
- Brainstorm the [Common Application prompts](#)
- Visual artists: Develop one work every two/three weeks for a total of 20-25 pieces by October senior year
- Film students: Collaborate with others, learn different filmmaking roles, write short screenplays, make short movies
- Acting students: Get comfortable performing on Zoom, read plays, start thinking about monologues
- Music students: Get comfortable performing on Zoom, video all performances, research programs and professors, start signing up for lessons with them
- Clean up your personal social media and develop your creative social media accounts
- Select teachers for recommendations and talk to them NOW**

Summer, Junior year - College visits and fine tuning

- Visit colleges
- Take final SAT/ACT
- Start the Common Application and complete demographic, academics, extracurricular activities sections
- Finalize college list
- Brainstorm and write supplemental essays
- Prepare supplemental creative materials
- Continue to open and read emails from schools to which you are applying, follow their social media accounts and comment on their posts
- Organize ALL your application requirements (essay prompts, required number of recommendations, creative material requirements) and calendar their due dates**

Fall Senior year - Put all the pieces together

- Focus on academics
- Finalize college list and decide schools for Early Action and Early Decision applications
- Confirm letters of recommendation
- Request transcripts
- Finalize personal essay
- Finalize supplemental essays
- Complete/submit supplemental materials
- Complete the FAFSA and CSS (if needed by school)
- Submit Early Decision and Early Action applications**

Winter/Spring Senior year: Congratulations, you're in the home stretch

- Send letters of continuing interest (for deferred decisions)
- Rescind applications if accepted Early Decision
- Analyze acceptances and compare schools
- Attend Accepted Students Days
- Submit deposit, usually by May 1**