

## Senior Take Away

### **NOW** August-September:

- Register for SAT and/or ACT if you did not take it as a junior or if you would like to take it again
  - Register online for SAT on the College Board website or ACT at act.org
- MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON TRACK TO GRADUATE**
  - Visit with your counselor and get a copy of your transcript
- Start narrowing down list of colleges that you will apply too.
  - Naviance can help with tools like “College Super Match” and College Compare”
- Make sure you are familiar with deadlines and materials needed.
- Talk to your recommender (folks writing letters for you)
- In Naviance add to “Colleges I’m thinking about”
  - Meet the college representative at fairs or when they visit us.

### **SOON** October:

- Make your FSA ID and fill out your FAFSA beginning on October 1, 2018 (earlier this is done, more money available)
- Start applying to colleges using the D51 Free app codes (October 1-8).
- Use Naviance to update application status (Submitted or not submitted)
- Use Naviance to request transcripts**
- Research for scholarships (some deadlines are in October)
- IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE NCAA ATHLETE—check the NCAA Eligibility center to make sure you are on track or register with NCAA Eligibility center

### **THEN...**November-December

- Finalize applications if not done so (Thanksgiving is a good deadline)
- Finish FAFSA if not done so
- Finalize sending all materials if any colleges are early action or early decision
- USE NAVIANCE TO REQUEST TRANSCRIPTS IF NOT DONE SO ALREADY**
- Apply for scholarships**
  - You may receive acceptance letters
  - Financial aid awards may start to arrive
  - Accept or deny any scholarships that you receive
- Register for COF- if you are going to college in Colorado, this is essentially your in state tuition. <https://cof.college-assist.org/>

### **FINALLY** February-May

- Make sure you have all your cap and gown ordered
  - Jostens # 970-242-5030
- Acceptance letters will start to arrive-notify schools you will NOT attend
- Update Naviance and set the college you WILL attend
- Accept or deny financial aid awards and packages
- Complete FAFSA verification if needed
- Apply for housing
- Register for an orientation using the college’s portal
- Stay committed to the classroom (stay eligible for scholarships)**
- Request that final transcripts be sent to the college you WILL attend**
- Graduate!!**

#### Important October Dates:

Free App Week- 10/1-10/7

Fee App Day: 10/15

Aspen College Fair: 10/6 @Aspen High School

ASVAB: 10/15 @GJHS

Work Keys: 10/15 @CHS

Senior Picture Due: 10/9

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If you are headed to the military or world of work:

- Check your Graduation Status! Make sure you are on track.
- Early grad? Complete Early Graduation Form
- Order Cap and Gown- Jostens # 970-242-503

Working?

- Take the Work Keys Test
- Prepare a resume and have it proofed
- Get 2 letters of recommendation from coaches/teachers
- Take an interest inventory on Naviance if you are still looking for a path.
- Would a certificate or training benefit your career? Explore potential post-secondary education.

Military?

- Take or retake an ASVAB
- Talk to a recruiter
- Tell your counselor which branch and expected start date