

SENIOR YEAR ACTION PLAN

Check out these helpful tips to get ready for the college/university planning process.

FALL/WINTER

- ✔ Determine if any schools on your list are test optional, test flexible or test blind.
- ✔ Confirm you have your letters of recommendation. If you haven't already, request letters of recommendation from teachers and guidance counselor ASAP.
- ✔ Meet with Guidance Counselors to ensure you are enrolled in college/university prep courses.
- ✔ Focus on doing well in courses and seek extra help from peers, teachers and tutors when needed.
- ✔ Take a leadership role within your sports teams, clubs, part-time work or volunteer organization.
- ✔ If needed, prepare to take another attempt at the SAT® or ACT® by reviewing the test components and taking a practice test. You may also choose to study using SAT/ACT prep books, online courses or enroll in an SAT/ACT prep course.
- ✔ If needed, register to take the SAT and/or ACT in the fall. This will be your final opportunity.
- ✔ Attend college/university fairs or open houses (virtually or in your area).
- ✔ Use the Sylvan College/University Planning Guide to help evaluate potential schools and select the schools where you will apply.
- ✔ Begin working on applications and completing any necessary essays. Prepare early decision/early action or rolling admission applications as soon as possible.
- ✔ FAFSA (or CSS Profile) becomes available on October 1. Make sure to have parents fill it out by March.

WINTER/SPRING

- ✔ Confirm application due dates and be sure to have them submitted in advance of those dates.
- ✔ Confirm all transcripts, test scores and letters of recommendation are sent.
- ✔ Be sure parents fill out FAFSA (or CSS Profile) by March.
- ✔ Compare financial aid offers from schools.
- ✔ Keep focused on doing well in courses and seek extra help when needed.
- ✔ Meet with Guidance Counselor to discuss college/university course options.
- ✔ Study and take AP exams for AP courses you have completed.
- ✔ Schedule an extended visit to schools where you have been accepted. Meet with students and faculty members in your program of choice.
- ✔ Use the Sylvan College/University Planning Guide to help you determine which school you will attend.
- ✔ Before leaving for school, create a list of everything you will need and be sure you have it all.