

Senior Year Time Line

All Year

- Continually check into your Naviance account. Here you will be able to access a list of all the scholarships we have on file, find out when college reps are going to be visiting our school, get the dates for upcoming events, find great links to career websites and much more!
- Visit the Waltrip Counseling, College and Career Center Department & Website. Go to www.houstonisd.org/waltrip.
- Visit college campuses every chance you get!
- Search for scholarships. There's lots of free money you can get your hands on if you just put in a little effort!

September

- Meet with college admissions reps who come to visit our school.
- Make sure you have all the applications required for college admission. Write, phone, or email to request missing information, or apply online whenever possible.
- Know application deadlines for the schools and scholarships you wish to apply to. They may vary and it is **essential to meet all deadlines!**
- Meet with your School Counselor to be sure your list includes colleges appropriate to your academic and personal record.
- Review your applications, transcript, activities resume and college essays with your parents, and School Counselors to ensure they are accurate and complete.
- If you have not completed the required tests, or if you are not happy with your scores, register for the upcoming SAT's, ACT's and SAT II's. Have official test scores sent to the colleges you are applying to.
- If the colleges require recommendations, ask the appropriate people to write on your behalf.

October

- October 1st FAFSA Applications are open for you to start your Financial Aid process. Both you and your parents need to obtain a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov, so you can fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Columbus Day weekend is a great time to visit college campuses. Many plan programs for prospective freshmen on this weekend.
- Know your deadlines, and keep working on applications!

November

- Complete all your college applications before Thanksgiving, and receive a slice of pie in the College Center.
- Check to see if the colleges to which you are applying require any other financial aid forms.

December

- Know your deadlines and keep working on applications.
- Keep looking/applying for scholarships- get your college paid for!

January

- Complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Keep working in your classes! Grades and courses continue to count throughout your senior year.
- Request that the registrar send mid year reports (the transcript of your first semester grades) if your colleges require them.
- TSI Testing for Math and EBRW

February

- If you completed a FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) within four weeks after submitting the FAFSA. Review the SAR carefully, and check for any inaccuracies. If necessary, correct any items on the SAR, and return it to the FAFSA processor (If a college transmitted your data directly, notify the college of any change).
- Complete scholarship applications. You may be eligible for more scholarships than you think, so apply for as many as you can!
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March

- Stay focused and keep studying- only a couple more months to go!
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April

- Review your college acceptances and financial aid awards. If you are positive, you will not enroll at one or more of the colleges that accepted you, then please notify those colleges that you have selected another college. If you know which college you will attend, send your tuition deposit, and follow all other instructions.
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May

- Take Advanced Placement exams, and request that your AP scores be sent to the college you will be attending.
- Complete your Senior Survey! This lets the registrar know where to send your final official transcript.

June

- Notify the college of any private scholarships or grants you will be receiving.
- Know when the payment for tuition, room and board, meal plans, etc., is due. If necessary, ask the financial aid office about a possible payment plan that will allow for you to pay in installments.
- Congratulations! You have completed a difficult task, now it's time to look forward to graduation!