

The senior year is when all of your planning and hard work pays off. If you are planning on applying to college, now is the time to write college essays, retake SATs/ACTs, submit applications and apply for scholarships. Please refer to the timeline below to stay on track and organized.

Senior Year Timeline:

Fall:

- Maintain the highest level of academic achievement possible throughout the year. Colleges request a copy of your final grades
- Utilize the college mini-fairs at AHS and prepare to speak to college representatives
- Meet with your guidance counselor individually and on a regular basis
- Complete Activity Sheet
- Ask teachers to write you a letter of recommendation (provide a minimum of 2 weeks notice)
- Finalize your college list
- Write your college Essay
- Complete College Applications
- Register and take the SAT/ACT and or Subject Tests if applicable (we recommend to take the SAT at least 2 times)
- Be mindful of Early Action/Early Decision Deadlines
- Notify the College Board/ACT about sending your standardized test scores to your schools
- Complete Transcript Release form and pass it in to guidance at least 2 weeks before the application deadline
- Attend Financial Aid Night at AHS
- Visit (or re-visit) some colleges that you plan to apply to
- Contact college coaches and activity leaders who may be interested in your talents/skills if applicable

Winter:

- Be mindful of regular decision application deadlines
- Complete Financial Aid information
- Be mindful of individual college notifications and deposit deadlines

Spring:

- Prior to May 1, finalize commitment and notify other schools that you will not be attending
- Make initial deposits for acceptance and/or housing
- Inform your counselor of your college application results
- Write thank you notes to your teachers for writing letters of recommendation
- Take AP exams if applicable
- GRADUATE!!!!