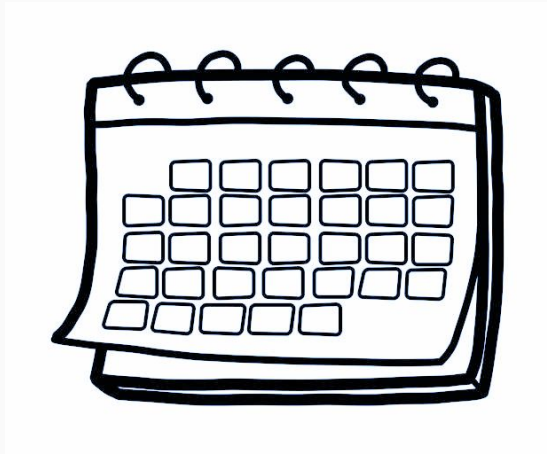


# Postsecondary Readiness Sequence by Semester



This sequence supports juniors in navigating the college admissions and application process efficiently.

This timeline provides a clear roadmap of essential tasks and milestones, ensuring students stay on track and avoid last-minute stress. It includes important steps such as researching colleges, preparing for standardized tests, seeking letters of recommendation, and beginning the application process.

This proactive approach supports students in strategically managing their time, enhancing their applications, and increasing their chances of gaining admission to their desired colleges.

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Spring 2026 (Junior)	Summer 2026 (Senior)	Fall 2026 (Senior)	Spring 2027 (Senior)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan a challenging senior year curriculum, per student's own academic standards (speak with counselors if unclear about options).</li> <li>Attend <b>college fairs</b> and visit <b>college campuses</b>.</li> <li>Write letter of intent to military academy (if interested).</li> <li>Create/refine your <b>college list</b>.</li> <li>Research <b>college admissions requirements</b> for schools of interest.</li> <li>Begin brainstorming <b>college essay</b> topics.</li> <li>Take the <b>School Day SAT</b>.</li> <li>Identify recommenders for recommendation letters..</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Arrange <b>college visits</b> and <b>campus tours</b>.</li> <li>Keep extracurricular activities and community service efforts going.</li> <li>Continue to research college choices and narrow <b>college list</b>.</li> <li><b>Common App</b> launches on August 1, 2026. Create an account.</li> <li>If you have not done so, start working on your <b>college essay</b>.</li> <li>Determine admissions timeline and associated deadlines (early action/decision, regular admission, rolling admission), and plan accordingly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Narrow college list to about 12 schools with a good spread of safety, target, reach options.</li> <li><b>FAFSA</b> opens - Create <b>FSA ID</b> accounts and complete <b>FAFSA</b>.</li> <li>Complete <b>TAP</b> and/or <b>CSS Profile</b> (wherever applicable).</li> <li>Request <b>letters of recommendation</b> if required</li> <li>Retake <b>SAT/ACT</b> as needed.</li> <li>Aim to complete college apps by December 1st (the earlier the better)</li> <li>Continue to visit and research colleges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply to trade schools/alternative programs (if interested).</li> <li>If you have not already done so, complete <b>FAFSA/TAP/CSS Profile</b> (wherever applicable).</li> <li>Regularly check emails for admissions decisions and other school correspondence.</li> <li>Compare college offers, including financial offers</li> <li>Formally accept offer of admission at desired college, and formally decline others</li> <li>Complete steps to confirm enrollment</li> </ul>