



## Sage Junior/Senior Year Timeline for College Preparation

### Junior Year

1. Keep track of all potential SAT/ACT test dates that will work with your schedule and register for the test dates. (Remember to eliminate conflicts with sports, family obligations, etc.).
2. Establish a profile list of potential schools and begin researching those options (use the Sage Target List Questionnaire).
3. Request information from the colleges so that you begin to receive notices about upcoming campus events.
4. Begin scheduling your campus visits and attend spring open houses.
5. USE THE SUMMER TO VISIT! While you won't get the full idea of what the school is like, this is a good time to get admission interviews out of the way!

### Senior Year

1. Keep narrowing down your school list and be sure that you are requesting financial aid and scholarship information for all the schools.
2. Keep your counselor, guardian or parents aware of what schools you are considering so that they can help you in meeting deadlines.
3. Make a calendar of application deadlines and financial aid filing deadlines.
4. Request your letters of recommendation early from your teachers- a lot of students often ask the same teachers.
5. If you haven't taken the tests, don't wait any longer. Even if you are scared, it is better to have them than not. If you didn't do well on one, consider taking an alternative test.
6. Visit college fairs to meet the college reps for the schools you are interested in and ask questions.
7. Work on your ESSAYS- they can help make or break your application!
8. Complete and mail your applications on time.
9. Apply online after January 1st for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You and your guardians are going to need pins. Start filling out the scholarship applications.
10. Schedule auditions, portfolio reviews or interviews.
11. Be sure to keep your counselors in the loop and request that they send all your materials directly to the colleges. Incomplete applications will delay your decision.
12. DON'T SLACK OFF SENIOR YEAR! Admission counselors will look at first semester grades.
13. Review your acceptances, compare award letters and make the best decision for you.
14. Request a final transcript be sent to your college of choice at the end of the year because your financial aid will be pulled if you don't show proof of graduation.
15. Get ready for a whole new world.