

# College Application Timeline

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- Take the PSAT
- Take diagnostic SAT and/or ACT ✓
- Create test preparation plan ✓
- Refine extracurricular focus
- Maintain or improve GPA ✓

Fall/  
Winter  
Junior  
Year

- Create college list
- Establish SAT/ACT goals ✓
- Prepare for the SAT/ACT and take first official test ✓
- Tour colleges
- Request teacher recommendations
- Prepare for/take SAT subject tests ✓
- Research summer internships and programs

Spring  
Junior  
Year

- Finalize and organize college list
- Begin Common App/other applications
- Draft résumé
- Draft and revise personal essay ✓
- Continue SAT/ACT prep and register for the summer/fall test(s) ✓
- Tour colleges

Summer  
Junior  
Year

- Take final SAT/ACT test(s)
- Finalize personal essay ✓
- Write supplemental essays ✓
- Submit early action/early decision applications
- Schedule interviews
- Research scholarships

Early  
Fall  
Senior  
Year

- Submit regular decision applications
- Apply for scholarships
- Complete FAFSA financial aid application
- Avoid senior slide ✓

Late Fall/  
Winter  
Senior  
Year

✓ Open Door can help with these steps in the process

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