

Senior Year

Checklist for College Bound Students

September

- Senior Parent/Student Post-Secondary Planning presentation
 - Virtual and posted on the SWHS School Counseling website
- School Day CollegeBoard SAT
 - Free-Wednesday September 23, 2020
- College Application and College Essay Workshops
 - For 2020-21-Connect with your School Counselor with questions
- Check your credits and course requirements for graduation via letter sent home in late August
- Make appointment with counselor to discuss status of your post-high school plans.
- Set up a calendar for standardized tests, completing college applications and financial aid deadlines.
- Narrow list of schools/colleges. Safety/Match/Reach – have at least one of each.
- Complete Senior and Parent Brag Sheets on Naviance.
- Register for SATs, SAT Subject Tests, or ACT (CEEB: 070700).
 - Deadlines for late registration typically 2 weeks before test date
 - Research whether your college list requires SAT scores
- Update Resume on Naviance.
- Finalize your college essay.
- Confirm/create Letter of Recommendation requests with teachers (within Naviance).
- Visit any college(s) that you have not already seen (virtual or physical)
- Check Naviance for college representative virtual visits.
- Create your own Common Application (CommonApp) account and link it with your Naviance account (done within Naviance, but only after CA FERPA is completed).
 - Determine how many schools on your list accept the CommonApp and locate other applications you may need (non-Common Application Schools).
- Research which Financial Aid forms each of your colleges requires and their due dates.
 - Apply for a parent and student “FSA ID” to complete the FAFSA online.
 - If applicable, begin CSS/Financial Aid Profile Application, which is required by some private colleges and has an associated fee.
<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>
- Register with NCAA Clearinghouse if you plan to participate in Division I or II sports.

October/November

- **SWHS College Fair – Cancelled for 2020**
- Begin to complete financial aid forms (FAFSA filing opens on October 1st).
- Take SATs, SAT Subject test or ACT (as required by your colleges of interest).
- Be sure SAT scores are sent to colleges (directly from *collegeboard.org*). South Windsor High School **cannot** send out test scores.
- Send in Early Decision or Early Action Applications (commonly due November 1st or earlier). Take note that processing of Academic Records request forms will take up to 10 school days.

- Start to check Naviance for scholarship opportunities (late November). You may need to submit an Academic Records request form, which will take 10 school days to process.
- Provide School Counseling with written notice and details if Q1 grades need to be sent to any colleges.

December/January

- Continue to submit applications (Regular Decision deadlines are typically 1/1 or 1/15 and remember that Academic Records requests require 10 days to process).
- Continue to check Naviance for scholarship opportunities (continually updated).
- Hartford Foundation for Public Giving offers a variety of scholarships, many of which have a January 15 deadline.
- Dollars for Scholars portal opens January 21.
- Double check deadlines and file appropriate federal and college financial aid forms.
- School counseling office will automatically send mid-year grade reports to colleges with active applications.

February/March

- Compare financial aid packages from each college that accepts you.

April/May

- Decide on the college you will attend. **Send in your deposit (by May 1st).**

June

- Notify the Counseling Office where to send your final transcript (by completing the Senior Survey on Naviance).

REMINDER!!!

The Counseling Department will require as many as 10 school days to process an Academic Records request form. We cannot guarantee that you will meet your deadlines without this processing time.