

Preparing for College

12th Grade

<i>August</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>November</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Commit to do your best work and take the most challenging courses ➤ Make an appointment with your counselor to discuss college options ➤ Start applying for college using applytexas.org or check for college websites for individual applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Check FHS website for scholarship opportunities ➤ Take the SAT/ACT ➤ Attend college recruiter meetings ➤ Continue your college search via their websites checking deadline dates ➤ Set up accounts with free scholarship/college search websites (www.fastweb.com) ➤ Set up parent and student pin number via fafsa.ed.gov ➤ Start asking teachers, counselors, employers for recommendation letters – remember to provide resume 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Narrow list of colleges/universities you want to attend and discuss with parents ➤ Check dates for scholarships opportunities ➤ Verify transcript is accurate ➤ Attend college day – prepare questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Utilize collegboard.com and/or act.org to prepare for SAT and ACT ➤ Utilize the FHS website to take practice ACT and SAT tests ➤ Attend College 101 night for parents and students ➤ Begin preparing financial records for FAFSA and ask for help if you need it ➤ Check university/college websites for early decision admission deadlines

<i>December</i>	<i>January</i>	<i>February</i>	<i>March</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Continue to look for scholarship and financial aid resources ➤ Register to take the SAT/ACT tests ➤ Continue preparing financial records for FAFSA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ See you counselor for any PSAT report questions ➤ Check transcript accuracy at the end of 1st semester ➤ Prepare to file income taxes/Complete your FAFSA ASAP ➤ Check admissions applications status ➤ Continue to look for scholarship and financial aid resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Apply for financial aid well before priority deadlines ➤ Complete FAFSA if you have not already done so ➤ Finish strong the 2nd semester; college DON'T appreciate senior it is ➤ Begin applying for local scholarships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Watch your mail/emails for college letters ➤ Check status of college applications ➤ Continue applying for local scholarships ➤ Attend FAFSA night for help applying for student aid ➤ Watch mail for Student Aid Report (SAR report)

<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>June</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Register and study for AP Exams ➤ Review college acceptances ➤ Visit the campuses of your top 2 college choices ➤ Review financial aid packages ➤ Apply for school housing early 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Take AP Exams ➤ Prepare for semester finals ➤ Send thank you notes to teacher and counselors who wrote recommendations ➤ Notify colleges that you did not choose so they can offer admission to others ➤ Follow up with acceptance letter for enrollment, financial aid, and housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Request final transcripts ➤ Attend orientation meeting for college ➤ Pack for college and look forward to the next chapter in your life