

College Application Timeline 2025-2026

Spring of Junior Year:

- Maintain your grades.
- Research five to seven colleges that interest you and add them to your “following” list in SCOIR.
- Visit colleges and create a list of questions to ask on campus visits.
 - Be sure to ask for documentation from the college that you visited for attendance purposes.
- Start or update an academic resume, update your profile and activities/achievements in SCOIR.
- Maintain good relationships with your counselor and teachers, they will be writing your recommendations.
- Register for the SAT and ACT (Juniors took the ACT in March at CHS.)
- If you plan to participate in athletics in college, you will need to register through the NCAA Clearinghouse and provide your transcript.

Summer of Junior Year:

- Continue to make college visits during the summer before your Senior year.
- Narrow down school choices to your top five and enter them into SCOIR. Be sure to adjust your application deadlines as well for ED, EA or RD. We prioritize the submission of college application items based upon the deadline listed in SCOIR.
 - Your list may include dream schools, competitive schools, and fall back schools.
- Finalize your resume, can be done in SCOIR.
- Begin or complete your Brag Sheet Survey.
- Complete your Common App, or school-specific, essays.
 - * Remember account rollover begins August 1st



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Fall of Senior Year:

- If you wish to test again, sign-up for and take the SAT / ACT.
- Be sure to record all application login information.
- Ask for recommendations from teachers, school counselors, or employers 20 business days prior to your first deadline (if needed).
- Visit with admissions counselors who come to your high school. Visits are posted in SCOIR.
- Confirm, with colleges of interest, the receipt of all application materials.
- Find out if you qualify for scholarships at each college to which you have applied.
- Search SCOIR and the CHS website for current scholarship opportunities.
- Start the financial aid application process—you can complete your FAFSA in **October** of your senior year.

Spring of Senior Year:

- Watch the mail for your Student Aid Report (SAR) after the FAFSA is filed and compare financial packages.
- Continue to look for scholarship opportunities.
- Keep track of important financial aid and scholarship deadlines.
- Decide which college to attend, and notify the school of your decision.
- Update admission decisions in SCOIR and indicate the school you will attend.
 - This is the **ONLY** way we will know where to send your final transcript.
- Notify schools you will *not attend* of your decision.
- Keep track of and observe deadlines for sending in all required fees and paperwork.
- Send thank-you notes to individuals who completed letters of recommendation on your behalf as well as those who awarded scholarships.
- Drop off copies of acceptances and scholarship notifications to Guidance...even the ones you do not plan to accept.
 - We want to recognize your accomplishments on our acceptance and scholarship bulletin boards!