



Mechanicsburg

Junior/Senior High School

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College Application Timeline

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Junior Year

- Meet with your high school counselor to elect appropriate high school courses which will meet college entrance requirements.
- Examine the educational opportunities available. Research and begin to understand various kinds of higher education.
- Study college admissions requirements. Begin to narrow down your choice of schools.
- Discuss plans with parents.
- Examine financial resources and review plans for college financial aid.
- If you have completed or are presently taking Geometry, register for and take the ACT and/or SAT tests in June.

ACT registration deadline:	May 7
ACT test date:	June 12
SAT registration deadline:	April 29
SAT test date:	June 5

- Visit college campuses (it is usually best to arrange for an appointment in advance by contacting the Admissions Office of the respective college.)

Senior Year

September

- Your counselor plays a big role in helping you get into college, so keep her informed. Meet to talk about your college plans and review your transcript.
- Get started on your applications right away if you plan to apply through an early decision or early action program. Deadlines for early applications tend to fall in October or November.
- Start working on your college essays. Write essays that focus on your experiences and make you stand out from the crowd.
- Update your resume—your list of accomplishments, involvements, and work experiences—with your senior year activities. Your resume will help you complete your applications and essays.
- Register to take the ACT and/or SAT if you have not already taken or are interested in taking again.

October

- Ask your counselor, teachers, and coaches or employers for letters of recommendation. Give them plenty of time to meet your deadlines and make sure to provide them with stamped and addressed envelopes, extracurricular activities, clubs or organizations outside of school, and a resume if you have one.
- Take ACT/SAT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each of your colleges.

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- If you are applying under an early decision or early action program, be sure to get all forms in as soon as possible. Applying online might be the right option for you.

November

- Submit early decision and early action applications on time.
- Work hard at completing your college essays. Proofread them rigorously for mistakes.
- Follow up with your teachers to ensure that letters of recommendation are sent on time to meet your deadlines.
- Mail applications as early as possible for colleges with rolling deadlines (admissions decisions are made as applications are received).
- Take ACT/SAT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each one of your colleges.
- Start looking at financial aid and scholarship information both for each college you are applying to and locally. Your counselor can provide you and your parents with some of this information as well.

December

- Try to wrap up college applications before winter break. Make copies of each application before you send it. Be sure to pay attention to applications for financial aid for each college and when the deadlines for these applications are.
- Take ACT/SAT tests. Make sure your scores are sent to each one of your colleges.
- Early decision and early application responses arrive this month.

January

- Early decision and early application responses arrive this month.
- Submit FAFSA as soon as possible.
- Some colleges include your first-semester grades as part of your application folder. This is called the mid-year grade report. Have your counselor send your grades to colleges that require them.

February

- Contact your colleges and confirm that all necessary application materials have been received.
- Don't get senioritis! Colleges want to see strong second half grades.

March

- Some admissions decisions arrive this month. Read everything you receive carefully, as some of it may require action on your part.



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April

- Most admissions decisions and financial aid award letters arrive this month. Read everything you receive carefully, as some of it may require action on your part.
- Make a final decision, and mail the enrollment form and deposit check to the school you select before May 1 (the enrollment deadline for most schools).
- Notify each of the schools to which you were accepted that you will not be attending in writing so that your spot can be freed up for another student.
- On the waiting list? Contact the admissions office and let them know of your continued interest in the college and update them on your spring semester grades and activities.

May

- Study hard for final exams. Most admissions offers are contingent on your final grades.
- Thank your counselor, teachers, coaches, and anyone else who wrote you recommendations or otherwise helped with your college applications.

June

- Have your counselor send your final transcript to your college choice.
- If you plan on competing in Division I or Division II college sports, have your counselor send your final transcript to the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse