

Seniors (Grade 12)

High School Planning Guide

- Attend the senior conference with the guidance counselor to discuss senior year courses, graduation requirements, college/career plans, scholarship opportunities, etc.
- Attend the local college fair if still undecided about future college opportunities.
- Consider what you have discovered from Guidance Direct about your aptitudes and interests.
- If displeased with your junior year College Board test scores (SAT), register for the earliest fall test date.
- Complete college visits during the summer or early fall to determine your top choice(s).
- Start your college application process in early fall of this year (most colleges are on “rolling admissions”) However, you should know the deadlines for the colleges you plan on applying to.
- Be very careful about making an “early decision” for any college unless you are convinced it is the place to go. An early admission decision is always binding!
- See the guidance office regularly to complete to notify them what colleges you are applying to and request that your transcripts be sent to them.
- No “senioritis” please! Accepting colleges do look at second-semester grades when final transcripts are mailed in June after graduation (Colleges do reserve the right to change their decisions and rescind your acceptance).
- Actively pursue scholarships and financial aid opportunities throughout the year. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) should be completed and filed between January 1 and March 15.

Few paper applications are available in the guidance office. The preferred way is the electronic submission. However, paper worksheets are available in guidance office if needed..

- Seniors are encouraged to maintain active involvement in school functions. Colleges and local scholarship sponsors like the DEEP foundation are especially interested in your leadership and community service accomplishments.
- You should receive notifications from colleges about their decision on your applications regularly throughout the second semester
- By May 1, colleges will expect to hear about your decision to accept or to decline if they make an admission offer.

Usually a room deposit “seals the deal” at that time preferably by June 1. Send a “thank you note” to college(s) that admitted you See the guidance counselor if you’re not sure what the college expects as a final answer from you.

- After graduation, ask the guidance office to send a final transcript to the college you plan to attend. Also, ask the counselor to send your final transcript to the NCAA if you plan to participate in Division I or II athletics in college.

Timeline

September

To start the year as a senior a student has had to earn at least 16 ½ credits or be eligible to graduate in June

Start of the 1st marking period covering the first 10 weeks of school

Students receive 1st semester schedules in mail. All students are now required to take 3 credits plus 1/4 credit Physical Education each semester

Add/drop deadline for all classes - end of 2nd week of school

Senior Assembly - The student handbook outlining policies and procedures is covered in an assembly with the principal

Senior conferences with guidance counselor

Start sending out college applications

College bound seniors should consider registering for at least one of the following SAT exams

SAT Calendar

2011-12 Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

Deposit HS - Registration Code: 331605

Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines	
		Regular	Late (a fee applies)
October 1, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	September 9, 2011	September 21, 2011
November 5, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	October 7, 2011	October 21, 2011
December 3, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011
January 28, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012	SAT only	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012

May 5, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

October

End of the 1st 5 weeks of school. Progress reports mailed to parents/guardians

Open House

Deadline for college applications for students applying early decision

College Day at the Broome County Arena

Continue sending out college applications

College Application Checklist

Choosing a college is not an exact science. You look at many things in selecting a college--location, cost, size, special courses, or athletic opportunities. Colleges also look at all your different characteristics--academic, special interests, experience, and test scores.

To keep your sanity during the process, a plan and a checklist are needed. Hopefully this will help parents organize their seniors.

Develop a list of colleges based on what's important to the student, typically ten to twelve schools.

Write or call for applications and information and then become familiar with each college's strengths and offerings.

Organize the process. Make a file for each college.

Visit as many colleges as possible.

Narrow the list down to five or six schools; two reach, two probable, and two safety.

Ask teachers to write recommendations for you and supply them with any required forms and a brag sheet listing things you want included.

Complete the applications.

Request transcripts well in advance of deadline.

Send it in as early as possible. Keep a copy for your file.

November

End of the 1st 10 weeks of school. Report cards mailed to parents/guardians

Series Scholarships deadline - winners determined by highest grades in regents exams

December

End of the 1st 15 weeks of school. Progress reports mailed to parents/guardians

January

End of the 1st semester of school.

Regents exams

Students receive 2nd semester schedules in mail. All students are now required to take 3 credits plus 1/4 credit Physical Education each semester

College application deadlines for many institutions. Recommended to students that all applications be completed and submitted by winter recess

Financial Aid night

Educational Talent Search begins - financial aid counselor comes to school once a week. Appointments for students and parents encouraged and can be set up through the guidance office

FAFSA - begin financial aid process

February

Report cards mailed to parents/guardians

FAFSA - continue financial aid process

March

End of the 1st 5 weeks of the second semester. Progress reports mailed to parents/guardians

April

End of the 1st 10 weeks of the second semester. Reports cards mailed to parents/guardians

DEEP and local scholarship applications distributed to seniors

May

End of the 1st 15 weeks of the second semester. Progress reports mailed to parents/guardians

Moving Up Day awards assembly

Advanced Placement (AP) exams

DEEP and local scholarship application deadline

June

End of the second semester. Report cards mailed to parents/guardians

Regents exams

Graduation!!!