

## 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 Myroad.com 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 1<sup>st</sup> marking period covering the first 10 weeks of school  
 Students receive 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> week of school  
 Senior Orientation - The student handbook outlining policies and procedures is covered in an assembly with the principal and guidance counselor  
 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

**Combined SAT / ACT Test Dates: 2010 - 2011**

- Deposit School Code: 331605

2010 - 2011 Test Dates	Test	U.S. Registration Deadlines*	
		Regular	Late
September 11, 2010	ACT	August 6, 2010	August 20, 2010

October 9, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	September 10 , 2010	September 24, 2010
October 13 & 16, 2010	PSAT	Check with School Guidance Office	
October 23, 2010	ACT	September 17, 2010	October 1, 2010
November 6, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	October 8, 2010	October 22, 2010
December 4, 2010	SAT & Subject Tests	November 5, 2010	November 19, 2010
December 11, 2010	ACT	November 5, 2010	November 19, 2010
January 22, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	December 23, 2010	January 7, 2011
February 12, 2011 (except New York)	ACT	January 7, 2011	January 21, 2011
March 12, 2011	SAT only	February 11, 2011	February 25, 2011
April 9, 2011	ACT	March 4, 2011	March 18, 2011
May 7, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	April 8, 2011	April 22, 2011
June 4, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	May 6, 2011	May 20, 2011
June 12, 2011	ACT	May 6, 2011	May 20, 2011
<i>Check with Guidance Office and College Board / ACT Web Sites to Confirm Dates and Registration Procedures.</i>			

## October

End of the 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
VESID Presentation

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 15 weeks of school. Progress reports mailed to parents/guardians

**January**

End of the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of school. Report cards mailed to parents/guardians

Regents exams

Students receive 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**

FAFSA - continue financial aid process

**March**

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

New York State Lottery Scholarships - deadline, application available in guidance office

**April**

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

DEEP and local scholarship applications distributed to seniors

**May**

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

Moving Up Day awards assembly

Advanced Placement (AP) exams

Armed Services Information day

DEEP and local scholarship application deadline

**June**

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

Regents exams

Graduation