

College Planning Checklist for 12th Graders ✓

Needless to say, senior year is full of important to-dos. Here's a checklist to help keep you on track for success when it comes time to apply for college.

August-December To-Do's

- Finalize your college list**
Whittle down your list to 6-8 balanced colleges.
- Consider and plan for re-testing**
There's still time to re-test if you want to increase your score.
- Complete the FAFSA**
Review the [new changes to the FAFSA](#) this year!
- Complete the CSS Profile**
Check to see if you're applying to a school that accepts this application for aid.
- Tidy up those essays**
Have someone proofread your work
- Stay on top of recommendations**
Do your recommenders have what they need to write you a stellar letter?
- Prepare for early applications**
Applying early? Mark those due dates on your calendar and have your materials ready.
- Start your application with Scoir**
Keep all your applications in one place! Learn more about [how to apply with Scoir](#).
- Stay organized**
- Add your GPA and Test Scores**
If your school's settings allow, upload your [GPA](#) and [test scores](#) to your Scoir profile. This will help give you better-informed [scattergrams](#), which show historical admissions decisions using GPAs and SAT/ACT scores of students who graduated from your high school before you.

January-March To-Do's

- Confirm your applications**
Make sure you've received confirmation of your applications—it's never a bad idea to double check!
 - Verify your financial aid**
Take time to review your Student Aid Report (SAR)
 - Research scholarship opportunities**
Are there any scholarships you might be eligible for?
 - Meet with your counselor**
At this point, it's never a bad idea to meet with your counselor for one more check-in before graduation.
- Students on Scoir can also send their counselor a direct message to check in!*
- Write thank-you notes**
Whoever took the time to write a recommendation letter for you deserves to get a thank-you note!
 - Continue making memories!**
Enjoy your senior year to its fullest!

If your school's settings allow you to enter test scores, you should see this +Add Test button in your Academic Overview!



April-July To-Do's

Keep your grades up

How you finish your senior year matters. Keep your grades up, and don't slack! Colleges are still paying attention.

Review financial aid offer letters

Since there is no standard financial aid award letter, it's critical that you review your letters with a sharp eye. Doing so will ensure you're accepting the best package for you and your financial situation.

Make final decisions

With your final options in hand, it's time to make a choice ([listen to our podcast for tips on making this choice](#)). Moreover, once you've made a choice you need to reply with an acceptance or rejection.

Consider your waitlist options

Have you been waitlisted? Carefully [consider what your next steps](#) will be so that you can proceed with confidence.

Make your final deposit

Send the school you'll be attending the deposit due.

Ensure your final transcript is sent

Check in with your high school to make sure your final transcript is sent.

The journey to college starts with self-exploration. Our Network can help you take those first steps.

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