

Lindale High School

12th Grade Year Countdown to College

August/September

- ___ Meet with college admissions representatives visiting your school.
- ___ Make a calendar of key application and financial aid deadlines.
- ___ Ask, in person first, teachers, counselors, or other adults whom you know for letters of recommendation (if LOR are needed) for college or scholarship applications.
- ___ Start preparing and submitting your college applications. Check deadlines for college admissions.
- ___ After submitting your application, request [transcripts](#) to send to schools to which you are applying.
- ___ Take the [SAT](#) and [ACT](#) if needed. Send scores to colleges.
- ___ Link [Khan Academy](#) account and [College Board](#) account to study for the SAT. Visit the ACT website for ACT study material.
- ___ Update your resume with school activities and achievements.
- ___ Work on admissions application essays.

October

- ___ Take the SAT or ACT if necessary.
- ___ Gather data needed and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ([FAFSA](#).) Attend the FAFSA workshop for assistance.
- ___ Submit your completed FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1.
- ___ Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in your email account. Pay particular attention to the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and discuss it with your parents and family.
- ___ Revisit your top school choices. Consult with current students and faculty.
- ___ Continue to seek and apply for college scholarships and [local scholarships](#).
- ___ Contact the financial aid office at your chosen school to make certain your application is complete and no documents are missing.
- ___ Update your resume

November

- ___ Take the SAT and ACT if necessary.
- ___ Continue to update your college list
- ___ Visit colleges in person or virtually

December

- ___ Study for final exams

January

- ___ Continue researching and applying for scholarship opportunities.
- ___ Apply for TJC/UT Tyler
- ___ Watch the mail or your e-mail and college portal for acceptance letters and financial aid award letters. Compare the financial aid packages
- ___ If not completed already, submit your completed [FAFSA](#) as soon as possible by the state priority deadline.

February

- ___ Check to see if the schools to which you applied need your mid-year transcript. Make a request in Naviance if necessary.
- ___ Plan for AP/IB exams or College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exams. Check with the college or university, you plan to attend to see which scores are accepted and if they offer CLEP testing on their campus.
- ___ Apply for housing at the college you will be attending. (Deposit may be required)

March

- ___ If needed, continue visiting colleges in person or virtually.
- ___ Finalize college list
- ___ View financial aid packages with our family and discuss the cost of attendance for each college.

April

- ___ Continue to watch your e-mail and college portal for acceptance letters and financial aid award letters. Compare the financial aid packages.
- ___ Accept college admissions and any Financial Aid received
- ___ Schedule New Student Orientation
- ___ Complete Checklist for you College
- ___ Request for TJC Dual Credit transcript and submit to your college
- ___ Apply for housing at the college you will be attending. (Deposit may be required)
- ___ Contact the financial aid office at your chosen school to make certain your application is complete.
- ___ Apply for housing at the college you will be attending. (Deposit may be require)

May

- ___ Study for final exams.
- ___ Take AP or IB exams.
- ___ Write thank you letters to the people who wrote letters of recommendation for you.
- ___ Accept or withdraw admission decisions for the colleges you applied to.
- ___ Celebrate your high school graduation!

June

- ___ Submit final transcripts to colleges
- ___ Provide follow-up information to scholarships
- ___ Send thank you notes for your scholarships