

12th Grade: College Application Timeline

August/September

- 👉 Be sure your senior schedule is accurate to graduate on time and meet college requirements
- 👉 By now, you should have taken at least one ACT and/or SAT-Consider taking again if you feel you can/need to improve your score-find a date/location and register
- 👉 Apply to IN State colleges; pay attention to deadlines for honor programs and merit scholarships
- 👉 Attend Chaparral's In-State College Night (due to Covid-date to be determined)
- 👉 Make sure your prospective college list is complete on Naviance and that your email is correct
- 👉 Check your Naviance often for schedule of college visits (virtual and/or on-campus)
- 👉 Print and complete the College Admission Portfolio Packed located on TEAMS and attached to counselor email
- 👉 Personally ask 1-2 teachers for a formal letter of recommendation (LOR); preferably from your junior/senior year

October

- 👉 Make an appointment with your counselor and bring your completed College Admission Portfolio (CAP) Parents are welcome to participate
- 👉 Early Decision (ED) or Early Action (EA) candidates should see counselor immediately. You have deadlines to meet!
- 👉 Please give your teachers and counselors AT LEAST 3 WEEKS before your first deadline
- 👉 The 2020 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid); can be submitted after October 1.
www.FAFSA.ED.GOV
- 👉 Look for information/announcements regarding a FAFSA Evening Presentation
- 👉 Finalize your college essay. Ask your counselor, English teacher and parent to read it for editing
- 👉 Schedule college visits and interviews, if still needed. Remember to send a thank you note!
- 👉 Check Naviance for schedule of college visits and register for schools of interest

November

- 👉 PAY ATTENTION TO ALL DEADLINES
- 👉 Narrow your list of college choices to about 3-9
- 👉 November 1-30 Application submission for any University of California/Cal State Schools
- 👉 If necessary, schedule college interviews and visits. Remember to send a thank you note!

December

- 👉 Finish college applications and submit them. Be sure to proofread, proofread, proofread again!
- 👉 Update Naviance and your counselor on the schools to which you have applied. This information is used to automatically send out mid-year transcripts that colleges require
- 👉 If you have ADDED A NEW COLLEGE application, in which a LOR is required, you MUST let your counselor know—*Naviance does not alert us of the added college*
- 👉 Schedule any remaining college interviews and visits
- 👉 Communication to/from the colleges with whom you applied will be on their student portal. Check your accounts often for important information and required action if necessary

January

- 👉 Finalize and submit any last applications with February deadlines
- 👉 Research national and state level scholarships. This is an on-going process all spring. Some websites that may be helpful are www.Fastweb.com, www.collegeboard.org, and Naviance for local scholarships
- 👉 Become familiar with housing/housing deadlines

February

- 👉 The Guidance Office automatically sends your mid-year transcript to all colleges you have indicated you applied to in Naviance. *Be sure your list is accurate!*
- 👉 In-state Universities and Community Colleges are still visiting Chaparral-be sure to register for a visit

March

- 👉 Spring Break—review or revisit schools you have been admitted to before making a final decision if needed
- 👉 Pick up local scholarship applications in the College/Career Center, or download from Naviance
- 👉 Update your Naviance with college decisions; admit, waitlist, denied
- 👉 Pay attention to the materials your college or University sends. There may be deadlines if you want housing or if you plan to attend an orientation. There may also be information regarding financial aid

April

- 👉 2020 Senior Survey is now available on Naviance ("About Me" tab). **This is required in order for us to send your FINAL TRANSCRIPT**, it provides Chaparral and SUSD with statistical data that colleges require in evaluating students. Now it's your turn to help future Firebirds!
- 👉 Colleges, if they have not already done so, will notify you of their decisions
- 👉 Evaluate your financial aid package with the cost of attendance. Contact each college's financial aid department if you have any questions or concerns. Financial aid counselors at the schools are great resources for information, use them!
- 👉 Determine the college you plan to attend...and send in the deposit. Colleges cannot require a deposit or commitment to attend prior to MAY 1st. But by the May 1st postmarked date, you must inform every college of your acceptance or rejections of the offer of admission and/or financial aid

May

- 👉 Notify your counselor of your college decision
- 👉 May 1st-Complete your 2020 Senior Survey located in Naviance ("About Me" tab). This is the ONLY way we know where to send your final transcript, which is required by your college!

End of May



GRADUATION...YOU DID IT!

IMPORTANT: Final Transcripts will be sent automatically to the college you will be attending, based on the information you included on your Senior Survey in May!