

Senior College Checklist

- Meet with your school counselor!
- Create a list of schools you are applying to. Write down the deadlines!
- Complete a resume (Naviance has a template) or at least have a typed up list of activities/sports/community service/leadership roles/work experience.
- Decide how you want to apply:
 - Early Action - You will find out sooner if you are accepted. This also conveys your interest to that school.
 - Early Decision - This is **legally binding**; if you apply ED you are committing to withdrawing all other applications once you are accepted.
 - Regular Decision - Typically December to March deadlines, decisions are made March-May.
- If you are interested in Division 1 or 2 athletics, you need to complete the NCAA Eligibility application.
- Finalize your college essay! (Have at least one other adult read and edit)
- Ask at least 2 teachers (and often one other recommender) for a letter of recommendation. This can be a school counselor, other school staff, coach, professional reference, or a leader in your community.
- Start working on the Common Application. Many schools use this application - you can apply to multiple schools using the same application.
- Complete the FAFSA with your parent/guardian - Each year the earliest you can apply is October 1st. The deadline is February 15th. The earlier the better!
- Apply for as many scholarships as you can! You can continue to apply throughout the entire school year and there is no limit to how many you can apply to. Parish Hill will “advertise” many scholarships on Scholarship Bulletins throughout the year.
- As acceptances come in, be sure to let your school counselor know what schools you are accepted to and what school you are committing to! (Usually May 1 deadline for commitment)