

The Counselor Compass



Riverview Jr-Sr High School

School Counseling Department

College Application Checklist - Senior Year

June-August:

- Visit colleges, take tours, refine your list
- Update your Resume

September-November:

- Continue to visit college campuses & interview
- Attend virtual college visits with Rep Visits
- Review application process with School Counselors
- Make application list
- Write down all deadlines (especially early admissions and early decision)
- Complete applications
- Retake SAT or ACT if required
- Request transcript in Naviance
- Request letters of recommendation in Naviance
- Write essays
- Verify that all applications were received

December:

- Finalize applications
- Begin to gather Financial Aid documents
- Keep working on good grades!

January:

- Complete FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Student and Parent tax return data are needed to finalize forms
- Complete any other supplemental aid forms
- BE CAUTIOUS of Financial Aid deadlines – most colleges want FAFSA completed by March 1st
- State and Federal deadlines may be different
- Request mid-year transcripts be sent to colleges in Naviance

February-March:

- Expect to receive letters of acceptance or non-acceptance
- Review all acceptance packages carefully

- Receive Student Aid Report (SAR) – check and notify colleges of any changes if it's not too late
- Visit colleges and tour campuses
- Check on Scholarships

April:

- Stay focused – do not get 'senioritis' – you still have work to do
- Attend "accepted student days" at colleges – it's a good way to help make a final decision
- Review all total expected costs. Take into consideration financial aid package
- Complete Local Scholarship Package
- Make a decision

May:

- May 1st is often the "Decision Date"
- Notify other accepted colleges that you have selected a different college
- Send deposit
- Take AP exams – make sure scores are sent to colleges
- Take College Placement tests

June:

- Request School Counselors to send your "final" transcript to the college you have selected through Naviance
- Graduate from Riverview Jr/Sr High School – YOU DID IT!
- Take note of tuition and room and board deadlines
- Make list of items to take to college

July-August:

- Make a budget with your family for college expenses
- Attend Freshman Orientation
- Make course selection for your first semester
- Respond promptly to any requests from the college