

12th Grade Checklist

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August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Have a one-on-one, beginning of the year meeting with the Director of College Counseling for Peak Ed and Elevated. <input type="checkbox"/> Utilize MaiaLearning to finish research colleges and create a list of top college choices.
September	<p><u>College Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with the Director of College Counseling for Peak Ed/Elevated and make your plan for the school year. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure you meet all high school graduation requirements (speak with your counselor) <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize your list of colleges and start applications—make a list of the requirements and deadlines for each college. <i>Utilize MaiaLearning to build your list.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in visits by college representatives. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Common Application Profile (If applicable) (commonapp.org) <input type="checkbox"/> Ask your teachers/counselors to write letters of recommendation for you or give them a recommendation form to complete. You can also get a second letter from a coach, community service organizer or some other adult (not related to you) who knows you well. <input type="checkbox"/> Build or update your resume (school, community activities, honors, awards, volunteer experience). <i>Use MaiaLearning.</i> <p><u>Essays & Testing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Register for the October SAT or ACT Exam if you need to retake it. https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org; act.org <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize your personal statement/college essay for college (if applicable). <p><u>Financial Aid</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for the Colorado Opportunity Fund (COF) (cof.college-assist.org) <input type="checkbox"/> Research and apply for scholarships. <i>Use MaiaLearning for research; you can also use scholarships.com, unigo.com, fastweb.com.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Set up your FSA ID for the FAFSA; ask your parents to do so as well. The FSAID is how you'll sign into the FAFSA. Go to fsaid.ed.gov. <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a financial aid presentation to increase your understanding. <p><i>*Pro Tip: Create a Google Document or online note that houses your login information for your colleges, SAT/ACT accounts, FSAID and other information that you will need to regularly use during senior year.</i></p>
October	<p><u>College Planning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Apply to colleges. <i>You can receive application fee waivers if you're eligible for free or reduced lunch.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Submit your Colorado school applications on free Colorado App Day. Date: TBA <input type="checkbox"/> Attend your high school's FAFSA Workshop or attend the Peak Ed/Elevated workshop! <p><u>Essays & Testing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete your college essay. <input type="checkbox"/> Retake the SAT and/or ACT Tests – have scores sent to the colleges and universities to which you have chosen to apply <p><u>Financial Aid</u></p>

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November	<p><i>November 1st and 15th are common early action deadlines for college applications.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Submit college applications as well as additional material requests from admission and financial aid offices--<i>Remember to request official transcripts from your school counselor</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete scholarship applications <input type="checkbox"/> Confirm with admission offices that your application is complete for admission and aid (usually this can be done online) <input type="checkbox"/> There's still time to retake the SAT! <input type="checkbox"/> Submit additional documents to financial aid offices.
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complete additional college applications and request any last transcripts be sent to colleges before winter break. <input type="checkbox"/> Act on Early Decision responses <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule any remaining required interviews <input type="checkbox"/> Submit additional documents to financial aid offices. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue applying for scholarships.
January / February	<p><i>January 1st and 15th are the common regular decision deadlines for college apps.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue applying for scholarships. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete institutional scholarship applications <input type="checkbox"/> Complete any last-minute college applications. <input type="checkbox"/> Open college student portals. <input type="checkbox"/> Submit additional documents to financial aid offices. <input type="checkbox"/> Respond to Early Action decisions as necessary <input type="checkbox"/> Respond to Defer requests (if you received a deferred admission decision)
March/April	<p><i>March 1st is a common institutional (college) scholarship deadline</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> If you applied in Regular Action rounds, you will likely receive acceptance letters from colleges by late March. <input type="checkbox"/> Look out for financial aid award letters--Compare acceptance letters, financial aid, and scholarship offers. <input type="checkbox"/> When you choose a college, you need to pay a non-refundable deposit for freshmen tuition to ensure your place or request a waiver <input type="checkbox"/> In April, sign up online for New Student Orientation. <input type="checkbox"/> Complete housing applications if applicable. <input type="checkbox"/> Let your Peak Ed/Elevated Director of College Counseling know where you've been accepted! We want to celebrate you.
May/June/July/August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Make a decision by May 1st on which college you are attending and notify the school <input type="checkbox"/> June/July—Attend New Student Orientation and complete financial aid requirements by July 15th. Contact your college's financial aid office and ask if your file is complete. <input type="checkbox"/> Send final high school transcripts to college and start college in mid-August!