

12th Grade Graduation and College Bound Planning Calendar

September

- ✓ Meet with your Consultant to review course plan for the semester/year.
- ✓ Identify colleges you would like to apply to and request applications.
- ✓ Begin working on college applications and be aware of deadlines.
- ✓ Register for any additional SAT I or SAT II tests.
- ✓ Register for the ACT exam if it is required by colleges of interest to you.
- ✓ Plan college campus visits and interviews, or take “virtual tours” and make appointments to have interviews locally.
- ✓ Look for and attend college fairs.
- ✓ Request letters of recommendation.
- ✓ Prepare your resume.
- ✓ Submit a written request for transcripts to include in college applications.
- ✓ Complete your career plan guideway and meet with your consultant to review results.

October

- ✓ Take SAT I or SAT II tests, if needed.
- ✓ Continue preparing and finalizing college interest list.
- ✓ Continue visiting colleges (if possible) and interviewing.
- ✓ Begin researching financial aid and scholarships. Visit www.fastweb.com and <http://www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/scholarships/sandiego.asp> for financial aid information scholarship ideas.
- ✓ Begin drafting college essays.
- ✓ October/November is the deadline for early applications for many colleges.
- ✓ Register for Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), if interested.
- ✓ Complete your career plan guideway and meet with your consultant to review results.

November

- ✓ Visit colleges.
- ✓ Take SAT I or SAT II tests.
- ✓ Finalize college interest list.
- ✓ Complete college applications. Keep copies of all forms and applications you complete.
- ✓ October/November is the deadline for early applications for many colleges.
- ✓ Maintain grades and extracurricular activities.
- ✓ Complete your career plan guideway and meet with your consultant to review results.

December

- ✓ Submit college applications with January deadlines.

- ✓ You should begin receiving a response by this time if you applied for early decision. If accepted, see what deposits are required for tuition and housing. Plan to attend an orientation session at your college.
- ✓ Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov for a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- ✓ Complete your career plan guideway and meet with your consultant to review results.

January

- ✓ Meet with your consultant to review your spring course plan. Make any necessary changes.
- ✓ Review your first semester grades with your consultant.
- ✓ January is usually the regular admissions deadline for most colleges.
- ✓ Submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form. Keep a copy for your records.
- ✓ Begin requesting scholarship applications. Visit www.fastweb.com and <http://www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/scholarships/> for scholarship ideas.
- ✓ Complete your career plan guideway and meet with your consultant to review results.
- ✓ If you are graduating this semester, complete the exit interview with your consultant.

February

- ✓ Start looking for summer work or internship opportunities.
- ✓ Look into Advanced Placement (AP) exam registration and test dates if interested.
- ✓ Continue researching scholarships. Visit www.fastweb.com and <http://www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/scholarships/sandiego.asp> for scholarship ideas.
- ✓ Respond to requests from colleges for any additional that may be needed.
- ✓ Maintain a high level of academic performance.
- ✓ Complete your career plan guideway and meet with your consultant to review results.

March

- ✓ March is the regular admissions deadline for some large state universities. Complete and submit all applications.
- ✓ Don't commit if you have not yet received all of your award letters from the colleges to which you have applied. Call the college admissions offices to request extensions if necessary.
- ✓ Schedule overnight visits at top-choice colleges.
- ✓ Sign up for Advanced Placement (AP) exams if interested.
- ✓ Register for the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), if interested.
- ✓ Caps and gowns are available for pick up at your site beginning on March 1 (\$15).

April

- ✓ Begin receiving financial aid award letters from the colleges you have applied to, and make comparisons.
- ✓ Investigate payment options with each college.
- ✓ Accept all or part of the financial aid offered. Sign and return acceptance letter.
- ✓ Many schools will require commitment letters by May 1 and deposits will be required.
- ✓ Don't commit if you have not yet received all of your award letters from the colleges to which you have applied. Call the college admissions offices to request extensions if necessary.
- ✓ Maintain a high level of academic performance.
- ✓ Take Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB), if interested.
- ✓ RSVP for graduation.

May

- ✓ Notify the college you plan to attend and send final transcript. Send deposit to college.
- ✓ Complete the exit interview and graduating senior questionnaire with your consultant.
- ✓ Make loan arrangements. Report any private scholarship to the financial aid office of the college you will be attending.
- ✓ Notify the colleges you will not be attending.
- ✓ Take AP exams if interested.
- ✓ Continue to maintain a high level of academic performance.
- ✓ RSVP for graduation if you have not already done so.

June

- ✓ Submit a written request for a final transcript if needed. You will receive 2 official copies with your diploma.
- ✓ If you plan to play Division I or Division II college sports, request that a final transcript be sent to the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse.
- ✓ Graduate – Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 11.

July/August

- ✓ Make travel plans.
- ✓ Finalize housing plans.
- ✓ Shop for items you'll need in college.
- ✓ Sign up for first-year orientation.

*Here are some websites to get you started with scholarship searches
www.fastweb.com, www.scholarships.com, and www.collegetoolkit.com.