

College Planning Timeline Checklist

Junior Year– Fall

- ⇒ Register with Cicero Prep’s College Counseling Department to take the PSAT in October
- ⇒ Attend the National College Fair in Phoenix or other local college fairs. Talk to the college reps, pick up literature, and start visualizing what type of college would be right for you
- ⇒ Attend the Great Hearts College Symposium
- ⇒ Take advantage of colleges visiting Cicero, listen to the presentations, and learn about what characteristics of colleges are important to you
- ⇒ Attend College Prep Class offered at Cicero Prep
- ⇒ Visit colleges and universities over fall break
- ⇒ Attend the financial aid presentation and Junior Parent Night presentation at Cicero Prep
- ⇒ Consider taking an SAT and/or ACT Prep Course

Junior Year– Spring

- ⇒ Schedule a meeting with your College Counselor
- ⇒ Register for both the SAT and ACT and SAT Subject Tests if your colleges require or recommend
- ⇒ Use spring break to take a college tour or research colleges
- ⇒ =Create a list of colleges you are thinking about in Naviance
- ⇒ Attend the financial aid presentation if you didn’t get to in the fall
- ⇒ Begin writing your personal statement

Senior Year– Fall

- ⇒ Move prospective colleges to active applications on Naviance
- ⇒ Request letters of recommendation from 1-2 teachers in person and then officially on Naviance
- ⇒ Apply to the state universities as soon as the applications open in the early fall
- ⇒ Complete and submit the Common Application at CommonApp.org
- ⇒ Send SAT & ACT test scores to colleges through collegeboard.org and act.org
- ⇒ Attend the Great Hearts College Symposium AGAIN (different curriculum for seniors!)
- ⇒ Use fall break to visit colleges, stay overnight in the dorms, and schedule interviews
- ⇒ Attend the National College Fair again and attend visits at Cicero during the school day
- ⇒ Complete and submit the FAFSA at FAFSA.ed.gov in October
- ⇒ Complete the CSS Profile at collegeboard.org if any of your schools require it

Senior Year– Spring

- ⇒ Plan to visit your top college choices to make your final decision, especially if you are thinking of attending a college that you did not get the chance to visit earlier
- ⇒ Make your deposit to hold your spot at one and only one college
- ⇒ Accept your financial aid package
- ⇒ Sign up for orientation and placement tests

⇒ Students must let colleges know by May 1st if they are accepting or declining the offer of admission