

### 12th Grade Checklist:

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## College List:

### Research and Finalize the College List

- Make sure that your criteria for applying for a college is clear and is your OWN
  - Location, Size of college, Credits Acceptance, Majors, Admission Criteria, Financial Aid, etc.
- Make sure you have a Balanced List containing Likely, Target, and Reach Colleges
- Understand your Options - Community Colleges, Transfers, In-State, Out of State, Public, Private, and Consortiums
- Understand Application Timelines and what that means
  - Rolling Admissions, Regular Admission, Early Action, Restricted Early Action, and Early Decision
- Understand the requirements for the college
  - Application Type, Required essays, optional/supplemental essays, Recommendations, Interviews, Portfolios, SAT

## Applications:

- Start the applications
  - UC
  - CSU
  - Common Application
  - Coalition Application
- Start FAFSA and CSS applications

When you start filling out these applications, you might come across few things that you are unclear about filling the data and how it should be reported.

So start early so you can have some time to get the questions clarified as needed.

## Transcripts:

Figure out and report what SHOULD be reported and carefully evaluate on what you report.

- School Transcripts

- AP Exam Scores
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Courses taken outside school
- Capstone projects

## SAT/ACT Exams

- Check who considers it and who doesn't
- Even if it is not needed (like the UC's), if it is a good score, it will help.
- There is still time to take it in the Fall of Senior year for RD schools and you can always update too.
- Understand how to report and which to report (Composite Scores)

## Essays

**It is very important as it is the opportunity for you to showcase yourself.**

- Look at all the prompts
- Identify which ones can show the "best you"
- Brainstorm Brainstorm Brainstorm - Biggest time consumer
- Write an initial draft - without word limit
- Review and Edit to meet the requirements
- Get it reviewed by outsiders who understand the importance of these essays

**Make sure that your essays connect with the rest of your application**

## Recommendations/Interviews

- Mostly for Private universities
  - Counselor
  - Science/Math Teacher
  - Humanities Teacher
  - Outside School - Internship Manager, etc.
- Students do not get to see what is written in these
  - Be cautious of who to ask
  - Start early identifying who to reach out
  - Help them to know more about you as needed

## 12th Grade Course Plan

- Course List
- Course Strength
- Grades - Current and End of Quarter/Year

**Remember that admissions can be retracted due to poor grades, disciplinary infractions, and honor code violations.**