

STEM School Highlands Ranch Class of 2021 College Readiness Checklist

Fall 2019 – Summer 2020 – Junior Year!

- Create your Résumé (see resources on Ms. Lytle’s website)
- Explore Naviance and Use College Search tools (SuperMatch is awesome!)
- Review Class of 2020 Handbook (information and essay topics can change by the time you become a Senior, but it will help you understand what is coming!)
- Consider Potential Recommenders (2 teachers/sponsors/coaches)
- Study to re-take or take the SAT/ACT (use Khan Academy to study!)
 - Juniors take PSAT in October
 - Juniors take SAT in April
- Re-take or take your SAT/ACT
- Save Money for Applications (\$25 - \$120 application fees add up!)
- Begin researching scholarships, FAFSA, and payment options for college
- Attend Junior Parent Night (date TBD Spring 2020)**
- Complete your PPP and meet with your Counselor
- Begin writing your Admissions Essay (Common Application topics released in Spring)
- July 1st – Start filling out Applications!!! (consider Early Decision & Early Action)
- Volunteer, Intern, or Work in the Summer
- Visit Universities

Fall 2020 – Senior Year!

- Submit your Applications (the sooner the better –October 15 is a good deadline goal)
- Be sure to communicate with your Recommenders and provide materials and time needed
- Attend area College Fairs (NACAC is usually in Denver in Sept/Oct)**

Remember: Apply to College **FAST**

- F** Pay application **Fees** (or use your fee waivers)
- A** Submit **Applications** – Apply Texas or Common Application (this includes teacher recommendation requests in Naviance, a complete resume, and your application essay)
- S** Send **Scores** via registration websites
ACT: actstudent.org SAT: collegeboard.org
- T** **Transcript Requests** (complete in Naviance **AFTER** your submit your applications)

- Attend Parent FAFSA Workshop in the Fall (October)
- Fill out your FAFSA (the application opens on October 1, 2018)
- Apply for Scholarships (check Naviance, E-Scholarships, & Mrs. Clack’s emails)
- Visit Final college choices

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- Continuing adding to Résumé for Scholarship Applications