

Checklist for Seniors

Above all else, STAY ORGANIZED! Pay attention to what you need for each college you apply to; deadlines; fees; requirements; timelines, etc.

Create Common App account

Log into Family Connection

Fill out information sheet about yourself and email to Dr. Gonzalez

Link Common App account and Family Connection account

Spend time researching colleges

Ask teachers for their support in letters of recommendation with at least three weeks notice.

If you qualify, get fee waivers for SAT/ACT and college applications.

Work on your essays. Edit, re-edit, proofread, have others read them.

Decide where to apply. Have a couple reach schools, a couple good fit schools and a couple safe schools.

Decide when to take SAT/ACT, and register.

Attend college admissions visits to CSP.

Attend College Fairs.

Make campus visits.

Attend regional events and open houses.

Register for NCAA sports at www.eligibilitycenter.org, if you believe you have a chance of playing Division I or Division II.

Use fastweb.com, CollegeBoard.com, CollegeNet.com, Scholarships.com, Zinch.com, and lots of others to search for scholarships. Be sure to apply to scholarships at the colleges you apply to.

Meet often and early with Dr. Gonzalez.

Use the Financial Aid calculator on the college's website to estimate the amount of financial you will receive.

As soon after October 1 as you can, submit the FAFSA. Most schools need this filled out by February 15. Use January 10 as your deadline to give yourself leeway.