

12TH GRADE COLLEGE AND CAREER TIMELINE

FALL (AUGUST-DECEMBER)

Narrow down your college sections to four or five to which you intend to apply. These selections should include realistic choices along with a “safety” school where you are certain to gain admission and maybe a “dream” school where you know being accepted will be a reach.

If you have not already visited colleges, now is the time to go!

If you have not already taken the SAT/ACT, register for and take them this fall.

SAT - www.collegeboard.com , ACT – www.actstudent.org

Carefully read college applications and learn the meaning of “postmark” deadline and “received by” deadline. The earlier you apply, the better. We recommend all of your applications be complete by the end of October.

Begin applying for local, state, national and college-based scholarships.

Search for scholarships on the Cy-Fair district website: www.cfishd.net/scholarships

Write thoughtful, organized essays on the required application topics. Have your English teacher help you revise and edit your essays prior to submission.

Finalize your extracurricular resume and have someone else look it over to ensure accuracy. Make sure your resume includes each of the following: extracurricular activities, community/volunteer service, talents/awards/honors, and employment/summer activities/internships.

Fill out college applications and submit them when they are complete. Don't forget to pay the application fee (if required).

Request an official transcript to be sent to all of the colleges you are applying to in the registrar's office at your school or online at www.tinyurl.com/JVHSRegistrar

Request letters of recommendations from teachers, coaches, club sponsors, or counselors (if required). Follow these steps to ensure great recommendations:

- o Make a request in writing and record the date you submit the request.
- o Be sure to ask the writer to include your full name, birth date, and school name within the recommendation letter.
- o Specify the deadline by which you would like the letter to be mailed (allow AT LEAST three weeks for letters to be written).
- o Provide a copy of your resume (send www.tinyurl.com/JVFalconResume when counselor recommendation is requested), an unofficial copy of your transcript, and any forms the recommender must complete for the college.
- o Provide a completed www.tinyurl.com/JVFalconResume to the counseling office if a counselor is writing a recommendation.
- o Provide a stamped envelope addressed to each college admissions office.
- o Follow-up after the deadline you specified to make sure the letter was mailed.
- o WRITE A THANK YOU NOTE to your recommender.

Complete the FAFSA as early as October 1.

- o Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov or the Texas Application for State Federal Aid (TAFSA-for undocumented students) at www.collegeforalltexas.com. You will need information from your parent/guardian's tax returns.
- o File online, if possible, and receive results faster. (First come, first serve basis).

SPRING (JANUARY-JUNE)

If your college requires it, request a mid-term college update from your counselor as soon as your seventh semester transcript is available in January.

If you're planning to attend a public college (two-year or four-year) in Texas, **take the Texas Success Initiative (TSIA 2) if you're not exempt.**

Continue to apply for scholarships and inform the counseling office if you are offered any. Get in the habit of doing this weekly during the spring semester.

Register to vote as soon as you turn 18. Voting is a privilege and your responsibility.

Men must register for the draft at age 18. Register online at Selective Services System (sss.gov).

College decision letters begin arriving. Celebrate acceptances, decide on your wait lists and deal positively with any rejections.

Avoid Senioritis at all costs! Remember, to graduate, you must pass all of your classes! Colleges reserve the right to reverse an admissions decision if you fail classes or make poor grades during your senior year.

Submit paperwork and deposit for university housing.

Complete a final transcript request in the registrar's office to have your final transcript sent to the college of your choice after graduation. www.tinyurl.com/JVHSRegistrar

It's not too late! **You can still apply to some colleges.**

Quick Reference Guide

<p>Testing Resources</p> <p>ACT www.actstudent.org</p> <p>SAT www.collegeboard.org/sat www.sat.org/resources www.khanacademy.org/sat</p> <p>TSI https://secure-media.collegeboard.org/digitalServices/pdf/accuplacer/accuplacer-texas-success-initiative-assessment-sample-questions.pdf</p> <p>Advanced Placement www.apcommunity.collegeboard.org www.apstudent.collegeboard.org www.collegeboard.org/apcreditpolicy</p> <p>Additional Test Prep www.princetonreview.com www.kaplan.com www.number2.com</p>	<p>Financial Aid FAFSA www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa FAFSA4caster https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa4c/?locale=en_US#/landing https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/eligibility/non-us-citizens https://mappingyourfuture.org/Paying/ http://www.finaid.org/ http://www.collegeforalltexas.com/</p> <p>Scholarships www.fastweb.com www.scholarshipexperts.com www.cfid.net/scholarships www.scholarships.com https://www.petersons.com/scholarship-search.aspx</p>
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