College Application Timeline

With multiple steps and deadlines to keep track of, the college application process can be overwhelming, which is why we've created this timeline and checklist to help you stay on track and put your best foot forward when applying to your dream schools. This timeline begins the summer leading into your sophomore year of high school...



Sophomore Year	Senior Year
☐ Think about what you're looking for in a college.	In the fall:
☐ Talk with your family about going to college.	Stay focused in school.
☐ Create a list of colleges you'd like to learn more about.	Finish up your essay.
Start talking to your school counselor.	Fill out the FAFSA and CSS Profile.
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Junior Year	Come springtime:
During the school year:	Review mail from your college choices.
If you didn't do this in sophomore year, start talking with your school counselor.	Check in on financial aid.
Attend high school visits or college fairs	Attend Accepted Student Day.
in your area.	☐ Make your decision.
☐ Narrow down your college list.	Enjoy the rest of your senior year.
☐ Take challenging courses.	
Get involved in your school and community.	
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Over the summer:	For more information on each step, visit wpi.edu/+timeline
☐ Visit your top schools.	
Reach out to your admissions counselor.	
Familiarize yourself with how to apply.	Pat yourself on the back and get ready for the
Decide on your essay topic.	exciting journey ahead!