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
- Think about what you’re looking for in a college.
- Talk with your family about going to college.
- Create a list of colleges you’d like to learn more about.
- Start talking to your school counselor.

Junior Year
**During the school year:**
- If you didn’t do this in sophomore year, start talking with your school counselor.
- Attend high school visits or college fairs in your area.
- Narrow down your college list.
- Take challenging courses.
- Get involved in your school and community.

**Over the summer:**
- Visit your top schools.
- Reach out to your admissions counselor.
- Familiarize yourself with how to apply.
- Decide on your essay topic.

Senior Year
**In the fall:**
- Schedule an interview.
- Stay focused in school.
- Finish up your essay.
- Fill out the FAFSA and CSS Profile.
- Apply to college.

**Come springtime:**
- Review mail from your college choices.
- Check in on financial aid.
- Attend Accepted Student Day.
- Make your decision.
- Enjoy the rest of your senior year.

For more information on each step, visit wpi.edu/+timeline

Pat yourself on the back and get ready for the exciting journey ahead!

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