

End of Year/Summer Planning To-Do List

End of Junior Year

- ☐ If you have not yet taken or registered for a standardized test(s), now is the time to register for the August SAT at [College Board](#) or October ACT at [ACT](#) (only if applying to 4-year colleges)
- ☐ Visit campuses (in person or virtual) – continue through the summer
- ☐ Register at NCAA Eligibility Center if applying for Div. I or Div. II sports. [NCAA Eligibility](#) Counselor must send your transcript at the end of this year.
- ☐ Complete the senior fact sheet by June 13th and share back with your counselor. [Google Classroom](#)
- ☐ Ask 2 teachers if they will write you a letter of recommendation (for 4-year college applications). Asking eleventh grade teachers is recommended. Send them a copy of your senior fact sheet.

Summer

- ☐ August 1, 2025 or later, create an account with Common App. Be sure to use the 2025-2026 school year ([Common App](#)). Enter basic information and take a look at the essay questions. In September we will meet with you to go over this process in detail.
- ☐ If you are only applying to SUNY schools you have the option of using the SUNY app. (All the SUNY schools are in the common app, so if applying to both SUNY and private, only use the common app)
<https://www.suny.edu/attend/apply-to-suny/how-to-apply/>
 - ☐ For either application, use your personal email address. If you do not have one, you will need to obtain one before creating a common app or SUNY account.
- ☐ Start college essay: start early, be positive, be creative and original. Essay help:
 - ☐ [Ultimate College Essay Help](#)
 - ☐ [Princeton Review](#)
 - ☐ [Tufts University](#)
 - ☐ [Khan Academy](#)
- ☐ Finalize list of colleges that you will apply to (average 6-10). Be sure to take into consideration your overall GPA, SAT/ACT scores and how they match with the colleges you are potentially applying to.
- ☐ In September, counselors will give a senior checklist and walk you through the application process (how to link Common App and Schoollinks).
- ☐ Walk-off pass: Eligible seniors will have access to the application in August on the House of 2026 website.
- ☐ Senior Parking: If you completed the Teen Driving CAPE program and show a need for parking, they will issue a parking sticker. Application will be available over the summer and can be found on the Arlington Website under the Senior Parking Information (where the CAPE information is listed).

**** Additional information regarding all aspects of this checklist, and much more, can be found in the Junior Planning Packet, located on the House of 2026 AHS website, class of 2026 google classroom, and your counselor's google classroom page if they have one.***

College Admission and Deadline Definitions

Early Action

- A student applies to a college early (typically in November)
- An admissions answer is usually received by the end of December or early January.
- If accepted, the student is not obligated to attend.
- Students can apply to other colleges.

Early Action, Single Choice

- A few highly selective colleges have an admissions option called single-choice, early action. This plan works the same way as other early action plans (non-binding), but with single-choice, candidates may not apply early (either early action or early decision) to other private schools.
- You can still apply to other schools' regular decision and are not required to give your final answer of acceptance until the regular decision deadline.

Early Decision

- A binding decision process. If a student is admitted, he/she must attend that college. Before applying, a student should make sure that the school is their clear first choice.
- Application deadlines are typically in November
- A student may apply to other colleges under the regular or early action process only (students may NOT apply to another school early decision. You may only apply to ONE college early decision).

Regular Admissions

- You apply by a midwinter set/specific deadline, hear from colleges by early April, and make your decision and notify colleges by May 1 (known as the universal candidate reply date).
- The deadline is typically January 1st, BUT will vary with EVERY school.

Rolling Admissions

- Colleges with rolling admissions begin looking at applications and filling their freshman class as soon as the paperwork begins arriving, sometimes as early as September.
- Students generally receive decisions within four to eight weeks of submitting their applications, and in most cases, an enrollment decision is not due until May 1st.
- Rolling admissions offer an edge for early birds because spots fill up as applications are received.

ADDITIONAL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Admissions For Students With A Documented Disability (IEP, 504 plan, or Declassified with Accommodations)

- Set up an appointment with the Office of Student Services (or Office of Accommodative Services) to find out what services are offered and to discuss the supportive documentation that you will need to provide the college.
- This is the **only** way you will be able to receive any accommodations in college. If you choose to not disclose to the college, you will not be able to receive accommodations in your classes.
- It is possible to have your accommodations on file and NOT use them for a class; a teacher will only know that you have accommodations if you let that teacher know.
- See your **school psychologist** to get a copy of the supporting documentation needed by each college.
- Send your application to the Office of Admissions, not to the Office of Disability/Student Services. They do not review your application. If accepted, they are there to assist you in receiving accommodations.

EOP/ Educational Opportunity Program

- The State University of New York's Equal Opportunity Program provides access, academic support, and financial aid to students applying to New York State's Public Colleges and Universities.
- For more information and eligibility requirements go to: [EOP Program](#)

HEOP/Higher Education Opportunity Program

- HEOP applies to private colleges and universities in New York State.
- HEOP serves New York State residents who are both academically and economically disadvantaged.
- To learn more, go to: [HEOP Program](#)