

THE 2019-2020
ADMISSIONS REVOLUTION
TIMELINE





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AUGUST REVOLUTION

August 1: Common Application and College-specific supplements go live for 2019/20.

August 6-13: Late Registration deadline for August 24, 2019 SAT and Subject Tests.

Rising seniors reach out to guidance counselor or trusted teacher to review draft of college essay. Make necessary edits by the end of the month.

August 16: Registration deadline for September 14, 2019 ACT.

August 17-30: Late Registration deadline for September 14, 2019 ACT.

Start filling out Common App. Add colleges to your “My Colleges” list on Common App. Review supplements for all colleges on your list to determine what additional work is required.

August 24: SAT and Subject Tests. Perfect timing for rising seniors!

End of August: Submit all rolling admissions applications. Many state and public colleges/universities have rolling admissions programs. The sooner you get the application submitted to these schools, the better!

Rising seniors continue to visit colleges.

Rising seniors consider applying Early Decision and/or Early Action.

Begin working on supplements for Early Decision and/or Early Action programs.

Rising seniors email guidance counselor and teachers writing on their behalf about summer experiences, college list, and any updates on your college search.

Checkpoint: Have you watched the sun rise one morning before summer ends?

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RISING SENIORS

Start working on the Common App and continue test prep for fall standardized tests.

RISING JUNIORS

Test prep for standardized tests.

FREE RESOURCES

[Breaking Down the Pieces of the College Application](#)

[Ten Most Important Things to Know When Filling Out the Common App](#)

August

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SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION

Seniors set up formal meeting with guidance counselor to review final college list.

Send score reports to all colleges where you plan to apply. You can send the score reports even before you apply to each college.

Seniors visit colleges.

See your guidance counselor to review and sign off on your high school transcript. Make sure all grade and courses listed are accurate. If you are applying to test optional colleges, request that all test scores are removed from the transcript.

September 6: Registration deadline for October 5, 2019 SAT.

September 14: ACT.

September 17-24: Late Registration deadline for October 5, 2019 SAT and Subject Tests.

September 20: Registration deadline for October 26, 2019 ACT.

September 21-October 4: Late Registration deadline for October 26, 2019 ACT.

SENIORS

Get ready for last remaining standardized tests, finalize college list, work on supplements, Early Decision, and Early Action applications.

FREE RESOURCE

[Five Tips to Help You Get Through Standardized Tests This Fall](#)

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OCTOBER REVOLUTION

October 1: FAFSA (financial aid form) available.

October 1: CSS Profile (financial aid form) available.

October 3: Registration deadline for November 2, 2019 SAT and Subject Tests.

October 5: SAT and Subject Tests.

October 15-22: Late Registration deadline for November 2, 2019 SAT.

October 16: PSAT/NMSQT primary test date.

October 19: PSAT/NMSQT Saturday test date.

October 26: ACT.

October 30: PSAT/NMSQT Alternate test date.

Checkpoint: Seniors send thank-you notes to the guidance counselor and teachers writing for them.

SENIORS

Focus on the last round of standardized tests, finalize Early Action/Early Decision applications, and make sure all college visits are completed.

JUNIORS

October is PSAT month.

SOPHOMORES

PSAT. Some high schools allow 10th graders to take the same PSAT that juniors take. Other high schools are now offering the PSAT 10 in February, March, or April for sophomores.

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NOVEMBER REVOLUTION

November 1: Early Action and Early Decision deadlines.

November 2: SAT and Subject Tests.

November 8: Registration deadline for December 7, 2019 SAT.

November 8: Registration deadline for December 14, 2019 ACT.

November 9-22: Late Registration deadline for December 14, 2019 ACT.

November 15: Early Action and Early Decision deadlines.

November 19-26: Late Registration deadline for December 7, 2019 SAT and Subject Tests.

Remind guidance counselor to send first quarter grades from senior year to any Early Decision and/or Early Action school. These grades are typically not required for Early Decision and Early Action programs. If they are very strong, it can make a positive impact on a student's application.

SENIORS

This month is when most of the Early Action and Early Decision deadlines are. This is also often the last time to take the SATs or Subject Tests if applying Early Action or Early Decision.

FREE RESOURCES

[The Alumni Interview & Why "Yes" Is the Only Answer](#)

[Top 10 Questions Asked During College Interviews](#)

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DECEMBER REVOLUTION

If admitted to an Early Decision program, immediately withdraw all other applications.

December 7: Registration deadline for December 7, 2019 SAT and Subject Tests.

December 14: ACT.

Mid-December: Most Early Action and Early Decision programs notify.

SENIORS

Finalize and submit all remaining Regular Decision and/or Early Decision II applications; finish all standardized tests.

FREE RESOURCE

[The Junior Guide](#)

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JANUARY REVOLUTION

Regular Decision and Early Decision II deadlines. These deadlines are typically January 1st through January 15th.

January 10: Registration deadline for February 8, 2020 ACT.

January 11-17: Late Registration deadline for February 8, 2020 ACT.

Send in enrollment deposit if admitted to an Early Decision school.

Mid-January: Send in email or update if you were deferred from your first choice college. Let them know that it remains your first choice and explain the reasons why.

SENIORS

Follow-up with every college to ensure all of your materials have been received. If deferred from your top choice, follow-up with a letter or email letting them know you are still interested.

JUNIORS

Register for at least one ACT or SAT during junior year.

FREE RESOURCE

[Top Ten Things to Know If You Were Deferred](#)

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FEBRUARY REVOLUTION

Early February: Seniors stop in to see your guidance counselor and update them on your top choices. Some guidance counselors contact your colleges and reiterate your interest.

February 8: ACT.

February 14: Registration deadline for March 14, 2020 SAT.

Mid-February: Seniors follow up with guidance counselor to ensure first semester grades are sent to all colleges.

February 25-March 3: Late Registration deadline for March 14, 2020 SAT.

February 28: Registration deadline for April 4, 2020 ACT.

February 29-March 13: Late Registration deadline for April 4, 2020 ACT.

The PSAT 10 is offered to tenth graders beginning February 24, 2020 and ending April 30, 2020. Check with your guidance counselor for more information on whether your high school offers this test.

SENIORS

Check email regularly for communication from the colleges you applied to. Open each email and respond accordingly. Let your guidance counselor know if you plan to take AP exams.

JUNIORS

Get ready for the ACT or SAT, start thinking about senior year courses and summer plans, and let your guidance counselor know if you plan to take AP exams.

SOPHOMORES

Start thinking about summer plans. The PSAT 10 test may be offered at your high school.

FRESHMEN

Start thinking about summer plans.

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MARCH REVOLUTION

Early to Late March: Admissions decisions for all Regular Decision programs released.

March 14: SAT (no Subject Tests offered on this date).

Juniors sign up for mailing lists at colleges.

Juniors start visiting colleges over Spring Break.

SENIORS

Make sure you have all password information on the colleges' admissions portals to receive decisions.

JUNIORS

This is a popular month to both take the SAT and visit colleges over Spring Break.

SOPHOMORES

The PSAT 10 test may be offered at your high school.

March

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APRIL REVOLUTION

Early April: Seniors looking for more financial aid should request re-evaluation forms and send them in as soon as possible.

Early April: Seniors update Naviance, your guidance counselor, and teachers who wrote letters of recommendation for you about your college decisions.

Early April: Seniors hoping to get off a waitlist at certain institutions should communicate their interest in multiple ways.

April 3: Registration deadline for May 2, 2020 SAT and Subject Tests.

April 4: ACT.

April 14-21: Late Registration deadline for May 2, 2020 SAT and Subject Tests.

Seniors register and attend on-campus accepted student programs.

Seniors register and attend any receptions for accepted students in your local area.

Juniors sign up for mailing lists at colleges.

Junior college visits during Spring Break.

SENIORS

Finalize enrollment and financial aid.

JUNIORS

Course selection for next year, test prep, standardized tests, first round of college visits, summer planning.

SOPHOMORES

Course selection for next year, summer planning, take full-length ACT and SAT practice exams to see where you stand before deciding which test to take.

FRESHMEN

Course selection for next year, summer planning, and consider which activities you want to continue or pursue for the rest of high school.

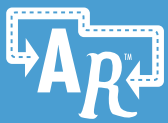
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MAY REVOLUTION

Early May: Juniors speak to guidance counselor about which teachers to ask for letters of recommendation for college application.

May 1: National response deadline and enrollment deposits due.

May 2: SAT and Subject Tests.

May 4-8: AP exams.

May 8: Registration deadline for June 6, 2020 SAT and Subject Tests.

May 8: Registration deadline for June 13, 2020 ACT.

May 9-22: Late Registration deadline for June 13, 2020 ACT.

Mid-May: Juniors send email to two academic teachers from 10th/11th grade to request a meeting to ask them to write letters of recommendation.

May 14: SAT only (no Subject Tests offered on this date).

May 11-15: AP exams.

May 19-27: Late Registration deadline for June 6, 2020 SAT and Subject Tests.

Late May: Juniors meet with two academic teachers to formally request letters of recommendation.

SENIORS

Take AP exams, send in enrollment deposit, notify other colleges that you plan to enroll elsewhere.

JUNIORS

Take AP exams, test prep, standardized tests, consider running for leadership positions for next year, finalize summer plans.

SOPHOMORES

Finalize summer plans and create a standardized testing timeline for junior and senior year.

FRESHMEN

Finalize summer plans.

FREE RESOURCE

[The Ultimate Guide to Picking the Perfect College Essay Topic](#)

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JUNE REVOLUTION

Juniors start writing topics down for possible college essay.

Juniors sign up for Summer SAT or ACT test-prep class and/or secure private tutor.

June 6: SAT and Subject Tests.

June 13: ACT.

June 19: Registration deadline for July 18, 2020 ACT. *No test centers are scheduled in California or New York.

June 20-26: Late Registration deadline for July 18, 2020 ACT.

Juniors stop in to see guidance counselor and both teachers that will be writing for you before the end of the school year. Wish them well for the summer.

SENIORS

Finish up strong!

JUNIORS

Take final exams and Subject Tests for students applying to highly selective colleges

SOPHOMORES

Focus on final exams and possibly take a select few SAT Subject Tests which correspond to AP or IB courses taken during the year.

FRESHMEN

Focus on final exams.

FREE RESOURCE

[Checklist For Summer](#)

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JULY REVOLUTION

Registration due for August 29, 2020 SAT and Subject Tests.

July 18: ACT (not offered in New York or California).

Rising seniors draft college essay and make edits to essay.

Rising seniors visit colleges.

Checkpoint: All students should pursue some aspect of their personal passion at least once this summer.

RISING SENIORS

Start writing your essay, test prep for fall standardized tests, and continue visiting colleges.

RISING JUNIORS

Possible test prep for standardized tests.

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