



CONCORD

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

12th College Planning Timeline

Summer

June-July:

- Determine what colleges/universities to apply
- Study for ACT/SAT if you want to bring scores up
- Visit colleges (many are available virtually) <https://campustours.com/>

Fall (dates may vary depending on which colleges/universities you apply to)

August:

- Senior year grades are important!
- Take rigorous academic courses that aligns with your college and career plans
- If you are taking a dual enrollment course, make sure you have applied for the dual enrollment grant- <https://cliplink.tsac.tn.gov/studentstsignon/>
- Meet with guidance counselor to review high school transcript and discuss college plans
- CommonApp (<https://www.commonapp.org/>) and other college application portals open on August 1st
- Go over application and supplemental essays with guidance counselor, teacher or parent
- Apply to at least 3 schools- a safety school, a target school and a reach school
- Make a spreadsheet/calendar with your college application deadlines.
- Register for September ACT by first week in August

September:

- Keep visiting colleges and stay in touch with college admissions officers
- Attend college fairs in local area
- Determine if any Early Decision or Early Action colleges
- Register for October ACT by mid-September
- Apply for TN Promise- <https://cliplink.tsac.tn.gov/studentstsignon/> Deadline is November 1. (Seniors will complete the TN Promise application during Bible classes)

October:

- FAFSA application opens up October 1st. Have previous year's tax forms. There will be a FAFSA workshop for interested parents in mid-October. FAFSA website: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

- Some colleges (mostly private ones) also require the completion of the CSS Profile to apply for non-federal financial aid.
- Early decision college applications due by October 15th or November 1st
- Research Scoir or other scholarship sites for Scholarship opportunities

November:

- Early Decision and Early Action deadlines
- Register for December [ACT/SAT](#) by November 4th

December:

- If admitted to Early Decision – Congrats and check financial package, withdraw apps from colleges/universities you will not attend
- Maintain high grades – do well on midterms
- College Housing applications open

Spring (dates may vary depending on which colleges/universities you applied to)

January:

- Spring senior year grades are important! Once you are accepted, colleges will require a final transcript after graduation.

February:

- Negotiate or appeal financial aid packages

March:

- Check accepted college portals/emails for important information
- Secure your seat and housing (if applicable) by making the required deposits by the deadline dates

April:

- Finalize college financial package
- Make college decision (visit colleges between January and April to help with final decision)
- Register for your college orientation

May:

- May 1st – College Decision Day!
- Take AP Exams
- **Graduation in May!**
- Request Final Transcript sent to college of choice (final transcripts sent after June 1st)
- Pay attention to college portals/emails for important information