



## 12th Grade College Roadmap



SENIOR YEAR has arrived with all of its glory! So much to do, so little time.  
Don't fear, the list is here!

The following steps will help keep you on track:



### Fall / Winter




- ☑ **Meet with your guidance counselor**
  - sit down with your counselor and make sure you are on track to graduate, make any adjustments to your classes if needed and discuss scholarship opportunities
  - it is not too late to enroll in Advance Placement courses and/or post-secondary college credit courses via the Dual Enrollment Program so you can continue to build a strong transcript for college admission
- ☑ **Don't forget to rely on your BIG for support and ask your mentor to be your second pair of eyes to review your applications and essays; they have a wealth of wisdom and life experiences to share**
- ☑ **Attend our financial aid workshop to learn about the financial aid [process](#) and FAFSA submission (this is **MANDATORY** in order to apply for grants and financial aid)**
- ☑ **Due to COVID-19, some colleges and universities are waiving SAT or ACT scores for college admissions; you will need to check with your preferred schools and the ACT and SAT websites for updates**
- ☑ **Explore the possibility to obtain an ACT and or SAT waiver; this can only be obtained through your school counselor**
- ☑ **Attend college fairs in person or virtually**
  - [Peach State Tour](#) • [Probe College Tour](#) • [National College Fairs](#)
- ☑ **Get at least 2 letters of recommendation from teachers and/or counselors and give them at least a 2 week notice**
- ☑ **Finalize a list of at least 5 potential colleges, explore their websites and begin to schedule tours and admission interviews**
- ☑ **Gather transcripts and submit college applications early to beat the deadlines**
- ☑ **Apply for all types of scholarships; colleges will generally award them on a first come first serve basis so get your application in EARLY!**
  - [HOPE Grant](#) • [PELL Grant](#) • [Scholarships](#) • [Broke Scholar](#)
  - [JLV College Counseling](#) • [Chegg](#) • [Scholly](#) • [Unigo](#)
  - [CollegeBoard \(Big Future\)](#)
- ☑ **Consider alternative options like trade schools, community college and the [Year Up](#) program**
  - you can save money by attending a community college for the first 2 years and then transferring to your preferred school for the remainder of the time
- ☑ **Keep up with extracurricular activities as well as leadership roles in the organizations, clubs and/or sports team you are a part of; this will make you a well rounded student and increase your chances for college admission**



### Spring / Summer



- ☑ **Apply for [Achieve Atlanta](#) scholarship in January (must attend a school within the Atlanta Public School System)**
- ☑ **Create or update your [resume](#) and apply for a job**
- ☑ **Continue to maintain high marks; if you are struggling, speak up and ask for help**
- ☑ **Create a calendar to keep track of your applications, scholarships and financial aid deadlines**
- ☑ **Think about which majors interest you and take a career assessment test**
  - [123 Career Test](#) • [Princeton Review Career Quiz](#)
- ☑ **Look out for acceptance/rejection letters and keep track**
- ☑ **Select your final school once all acceptance letters have been received (usually by May)**
- ☑ **Explore and review all of your financial aid options to finalize payment plan**
- ☑ **Keep working and save as much money as possible; college is expensive and every bit helps**
- ☑ **Complete all the necessary paperwork that the selected college requires (class schedules, housing, etc.)**
- ☑ **Congratulations, YOU MADE IT and have successfully crossed the  line!**

Be proud of yourself. You are now ready for the next milestone in your life! Make sure to celebrate your success with your BIG and plan to attend the [Big Brothers Big Sisters Graduation Celebration](#) in the beginning of June. This beautiful event is to celebrate all of our Bigs, Littles and families of the senior class for successfully completing the program and building lifetime relationships. See you there!

