



College Application Process Timeline

JUNIOR YEAR			
<p>January/February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Focus on ending the first semester and starting the second semester strong! <input type="checkbox"/> Read Weekly College Office Bulletins <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to participate in activities and clubs <input type="checkbox"/> Build relationships with your teachers <input type="checkbox"/> Continue doing community service if possible <input type="checkbox"/> Start researching colleges <input type="checkbox"/> Complete Junior Questionnaire on Maia Learning to set up an individual appointment with the College Office <input type="checkbox"/> Decide SAT or ACT and begin prep <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Maia Learning training (check email for details) <input type="checkbox"/> Begin virtual/in person college info sessions and tours <input type="checkbox"/> Start applying for summer programs and internships 	<p>March/April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review the Beacon College Planning Guide <input type="checkbox"/> Take free in-school SAT <input type="checkbox"/> Register for future SAT/ACT exams <input type="checkbox"/> Keep grades up and build relationships with your teachers/advisor <input type="checkbox"/> Attend the essay workshop offered by the College Office in your advisory <input type="checkbox"/> March – attend Junior College Night <input type="checkbox"/> Start adding your contact info to mailing lists of schools that you are interested in <input type="checkbox"/> Attend open houses and college fairs online 	<p>May/June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue with college visits and research <input type="checkbox"/> Attend Beacon’s College Admissions Panel <input type="checkbox"/> Ask 1 or 2 teachers for letters of recommendation <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize summer plans <input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for a Common App account <input type="checkbox"/> Brainstorm topics for and work on a draft of your college essay <input type="checkbox"/> Create a list of extracurricular activities, honors, awards, special talents <input type="checkbox"/> Start thinking about the list of colleges you you want to apply to <input type="checkbox"/> Set up summer campus visits and tours <input type="checkbox"/> Parents attend Parent Panel 	<p>July/August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy a relaxing and productive summer <input type="checkbox"/> Visit college campuses <input type="checkbox"/> Finish your Common App essay <input type="checkbox"/> Begin to finalize your college list and gather application materials <input type="checkbox"/> 8/1 – Individual college supplements come out on Common App! <input type="checkbox"/> Complete as many supplements as you can before returning to school <input type="checkbox"/> Start using net price calculators and the Federal Student Aid Estimator <input type="checkbox"/> Check Maia Learning for Beacon rep visits in the fall <input type="checkbox"/> Check to see if your colleges offer interviews <input type="checkbox"/> Gear up for a great senior year



SENIOR YEAR			
September/October	November/December	January/February	March/April/May
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> If not complete, finish Common App essay<input type="checkbox"/> Work on supplements<input type="checkbox"/> Finish SAT/ACT testing and send scores if applicable<input type="checkbox"/> Senior College Week events<input type="checkbox"/> Attend Financial Aid Night<input type="checkbox"/> Fill out your senior questionnaire on Maia Learning<input type="checkbox"/> Set up your senior college meeting<input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for an FSA ID before starting FAFSA<input type="checkbox"/> 10/1 – FAFSA and CSS Profile open<input type="checkbox"/> Add teacher recommenders to Maia Learning (not advisor)<input type="checkbox"/> Watch Common App/CUNY tutorial videos and read FAQs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> ED/EA deadlines generally start on 11/1<input type="checkbox"/> First quarter grades go to to ED/EA schools<input type="checkbox"/> Complete SAT/ACT testing and confirm scores and financial aid forms were sent<input type="checkbox"/> Apply to rolling schools ASAP<input type="checkbox"/> Check application portals to make sure application is complete<input type="checkbox"/> Check CSS Profile schools for IDOC requirements<input type="checkbox"/> Make sure you have applied to likely schools<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure CUNY application has been submitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> End first semester strong – all colleges receive your mid-year grades<input type="checkbox"/> Regular decision deadlines usually 1st week in Jan.<input type="checkbox"/> Check application portals<input type="checkbox"/> Research and apply to scholarships<input type="checkbox"/> Start making summer plans<input type="checkbox"/> Update Maia Learning with any admissions decisions<input type="checkbox"/> Thank your recommenders<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure all applications are submitted<input type="checkbox"/> Submit required EOP/HEOP documents (if applicable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Attend accepted student events<input type="checkbox"/> Compare financial aid packages<input type="checkbox"/> May 1st: College Decision Day! Make deposit and submit required forms<input type="checkbox"/> Colleges will receive updated transcripts in June.<input type="checkbox"/> Continue applying for scholarships<input type="checkbox"/> Let your recommenders know where you are going to college<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy the last few months of high school!

Ongoing throughout senior year:

- Make schoolwork a priority
- Attend rep visits and/or campus tours
- Schedule interviews (if applicable)
- Ensure Maia Learning is up-to-date
- Express interest in your colleges
- Monitor admissions and financial aid deadlines