

# Senior Year Planning Timeline

## Summer/Fall

### August:

- Set academic goals** for Senior year
- Add more **challenging courses** to your senior schedule [www.isd15.org/schedulecorrections](http://www.isd15.org/schedulecorrections)
- Retaking ACT?** Register for Sept/Oct. ACT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (SFHS CEEB Code 242190)
  - Prep for ACT? Log in to MCIS (MN Career Info System) [www.mncis.intocareers.org](http://www.mncis.intocareers.org)
  - Review your transcript- all graduation requirements met and scheduled

### September

- Finalize plans** for after high school (Workforce, College, Military etc.)
- Retaking ACT?** Log into MCIS to study and improve your ACT score [www.mncis.intocareers.org](http://www.mncis.intocareers.org)
- Arrange **College Visits** (you have 2 excused days) and check **College Rep** Schedule with College & Career Center
- Attend **SFHS College Fair**
- Start College Applications**
  - Make spreadsheet to track colleges applied, deadlines, additional application requirements (Essay /Letters of Rec./ACT Scores)
- NCAA Athletes-** check in with counselor to review requirements
  - Ensure you've talked with Athletic Director/ coaches and register at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org)
- Get involved** in extracurricular activities; keep a list of these
- Start and **keep a list** of your high school involvement; activities, awards, volunteer work, organizations and offices held

### October

- College Knowledge Month**
  - Talk to teachers, school counselors, parents about their college experience
  - The Financial Aid website is open beginning Oct. 1. Please refer to the [Financial Aid](#) page.
- Attend Senior Day** (last week in October)
  - Set goals towards post-secondary career path
  - Complete College Applications (many are free this month) and **request initial transcripts** at [www.isd15.org/transcript](http://www.isd15.org/transcript)
- Request **Letters of Recommendation** now!
  - Fill out Letter of [Recommendation Request Form](#) (give recommenders your resume and letter of recommendation form)
  - Make sure to write a "thank you" note!
- ACT Scores-** Log in to [www.ACTstudent.org](http://www.ACTstudent.org) to ensure your official scores have been sent to the schools of your choice
- Start **researching scholarships** if you haven't already. Suggestions:
  - Set reminder for **January- local scholarships** will be in the Counseling Office
  - Find local and national scholarships: [www.isd15.org/scholarships](http://www.isd15.org/scholarships)
  - National, individualized college search: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

### November

- Retaking ACT?** Register for December. ACT [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) (SFHS CEEB Code 242190)
- Be aware of **College Application Deadlines**
- Financial Aid Night/ Workshop** - Gain information and utilize computers to start FAFSA form
  - Bring your parents and family for tax returns from the appropriate year
- Finals! Study Study Study!

## Winter

### December

- Many **college application deadlines** are coming up!
  - U of M Twin Cities is December 15th.
- Stay focused!** Senior grades can affect admittance into the college of your choice

## January

- Apply for Local Scholarships.** Applications available in January-Counseling Office and [www.isd15.org/scholarships](http://www.isd15.org/scholarships)
- Find local and national scholarships: [www.isd15.org/scholarships](http://www.isd15.org/scholarships)
- National, individualized college search: [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- Parents: get your federal income tax returns prepared early. Colleges may request copies to prove eligibility for financial aid.

## February

- If going into the **Workforce**- Polish up your **resume**. Log in to **MCIS** (MN Career Info System) [www.mncis.intocareers.org](http://www.mncis.intocareers.org)
  - Make contacts with potential employers
- Local Scholarship Applications DUE!**
- Finals! Study Study Study!

## Spring

### March

- College decision letters begin arriving
- Finalize Financial Aid Application
- Watch for your **Student Aid Report (SAR)**, which is the result of the FAFSA you filed.
  - If you haven't received your SAR within four weeks, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4FED-AID
- Make sure colleges to receive your FAFSA are listed on your SAR
- Continue search for **scholarship opportunities**
- Spring college visitations may be appropriate for **final college decisions**
- Be alert for **housing deposit deadlines** and **pre-registration** for fall classes

### April

- If going into the **workforce**- Continue to work on **Resume** and complete another **job shadow**
- Final visit to college** campuses may be appropriate to make a decision
- Review college acceptances with your counselor
- Housing deposits and pre-registration materials need to be reviewed
- Contact college financial aid office to finalize details on grants, loans and work study
- Compare colleges** with finalized aid packages in which you have been accepted
- Make a final decision about the college of your choice (if you have not done so already). Send the required deposit, and sign and return the financial aid award letter if required. Note other important deadlines at your college (financial aid, housing, etc)
- Notify other colleges to which you applied that you will not be attending

### May

- May 1st - **National Decision Day!**
- Tuition deposits** are due at most colleges
- Contact financial aid office concerning financial aid package
- Make **final arrangements** concerning pre-registration/fall classes
- Notify colleges** you will not attend
- Complete your Senior Exit Meeting in the Career Center during which you will also request final transcripts be sent.
  - Final transcript is only sent to your chosen college** and must be sent to the college directly (not self-view)

### June

- Finals- **Study Study Study!!!!!!** - Colleges can still change their mind if you don't perform in your last trimester.
- Congratulations Graduates!
- Students with CIS Credits** - Request your college transcripts from SCSU and SMSU for Transfer Credits.
- PSEO Students**- Request your college transcripts from your PSEO school for Transfer Credits

**NOTES:**