



Junior & Family Night

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TOPICS WE'LL COVER

Details will also be found in the packet of information distributed to you.



- Understanding a Transcript
- Postsecondary Options
- Researching Schools
- Decision Plans
- College Applications
- Letters of Recommendation
- Standardized Tests
- Financial Aid & Scholarships
- Junior Year Tasks
- Senior Year Timeline

STUDENT TRANSCRIPT

Student Academic History		
COURSE	FINAL GRADE	CRDT ERND
2018 - 2019 Loyalsock Township High School		
ACADEMIC ENG 9	93	1.00
CC ALGEBRA 1/2	90	1.00
CC ALGEBRA I	87	1.00
EARTH & ENVIRONMENT	91	1.00
FRESHMEN SEMINAR & TECHNOLOGY	91	1.00
SPANISH I	96	1.00
SYMPHONIC BAND	100	1.00
US HISTORY	88	1.00
Weighted Average	92.0000	8.00
2019 - 2020 Loyalsock Township High School		
ACC I	93	1.00
BIOLOGY	91	1.00
GEOMETRY	91	1.00
HEALTH	97	0.50
HONORS ENGLISH 10	93	1.00
PHYSICAL EDUCATION	97	0.50
SPANISH II	97	1.00
SYMPHONIC BAND	100	1.00
WORLD HISTORY	93	1.00
Weighted Average	94.8400	8.00
2020 - 2021 Loyalsock Township High School		
CC ALGEBRA II	98	1.00
CHEMISTRY	95	1.00
CIVICS	91	1.00
HON SPANISH III	100	1.00
HONORS ENGLISH 11	88	1.00
HONORS SYMPHONIC BAND	100	1.00
LAW AND FINANCE	98	1.00
SYMPHONIC BAND	100	1.00
Weighted Average	97.6900	8.00
2021 - 2022 (Current Year) Loyalsock Township High School		
AP PSYCHOLOGY	84	1.00
BAND	98	1.00
DIGITAL PHOTO	99	1.00
ENTREPRENEURSHIP	100	1.00
HONORS ENGLISH 12	92	1.00
MODERN HISTORY	96	1.00
PE 12	98	0.50
PHYSICS	83	1.00
SENIOR SEMINAR	100	0.50
Weighted Average	95.1750	8.00
Grand Total		32.00
Cumulative Weighted Average: 94.9263		
ACADEMIC STANDING		
AS OF	Weighted Rank	OUT OF
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Student Name	LOALSOCK TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL	
Address	1801 LOYALSOCK DRIVE WILLIAMSPORT, PA 17701	
Phone	(570) 326-3581	
Parent/Guardian	WILLIAMSPORT, PA 17701	
DOB	06/14/2000	
Grade	12	
Graduation Date:	June 10, 2022	
Diploma Type:	Regular diploma	
District Name:	Loyalsock Township SD	
School Name:	Loyalsock Township High School	
CEEB:	395-308	
Address:	1801 LOYALSOCK DRIVE WILLIAMSPORT, PA 17701	
Phone:	(570) 326-3581	
Fax:	(570) 323-5303	
Accreditation:	Not Applicable	
Test Scores		
Date	Test	Score

REVIEWING YOUR TRANSCRIPT

What is being considered?

- 01 The classes you chose while in high school - rigor, aligns with future plans, etc.
- 02 Your grade point average - comparing year-to-year (was there growth?) and your overall GPA
- 03 Your class rank. This is out of your control, unlike your GPA and the classes you choose

WHAT CLASSES DO I NEED TO TAKE SENIOR YEAR?

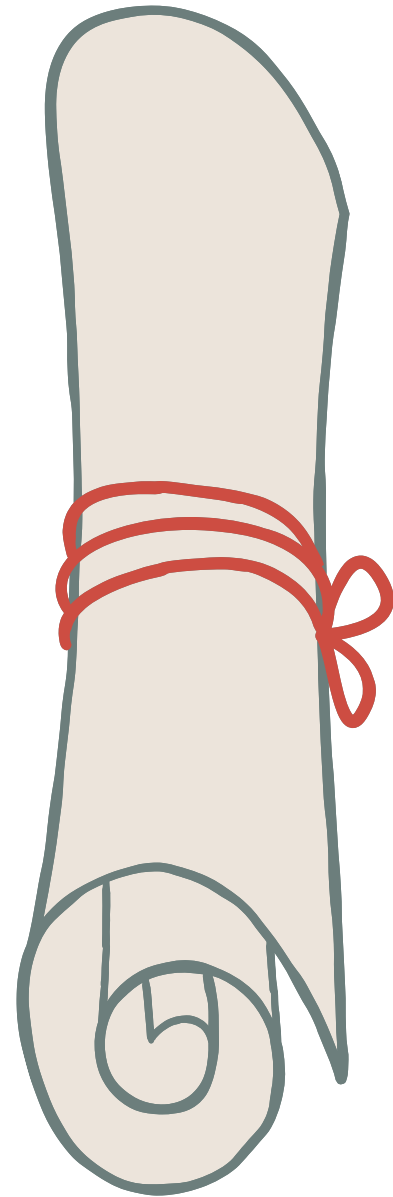


- 4th English credit
 - English 12, Honors English, or AP Language
- 4th Science credit
 - Physics or Honors Physics
- 4th Social Studies credit
 - New for 2023-24, option of several courses to meet SS final requirement
- Senior Seminar/PE 12



WHAT CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE SENIOR YEAR?

If you are thinking college or the military,
it is highly recommended you take the following:
(but not required for graduation at LTHS)



- **Math**
 - Typically this requirement is met prior to senior year (4 total)
- **Foreign Language**
 - Not required, but usually highly recommended/required from colleges
- **Challenging coursework!**
 - Senioritis is real – but colleges will take note of the coursework you choose for your senior year



POSTSECONDARY OPTIONS

Trade/Technical Schools

Training is focused on building skills specific to an occupation, such as Cosmetology, HVAC, Automotive. Examples: South Hills School of Technology, Empire Beauty School

Community College

Students can earn general education credits for less \$\$\$, and transfer to a bigger school. Examples: HACC, Luzerne County CC

Workforce

Obtaining full-time work directly out of LTHS

College/University

Traditional 2 or 4-year school. Approx 80% of LTHS students report plan to attend immediately after graduation. Examples: Commonwealth University, PSU, Pitt, Lycoming College

Military

Examples: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Space Force, Coast Guard, or National Guard

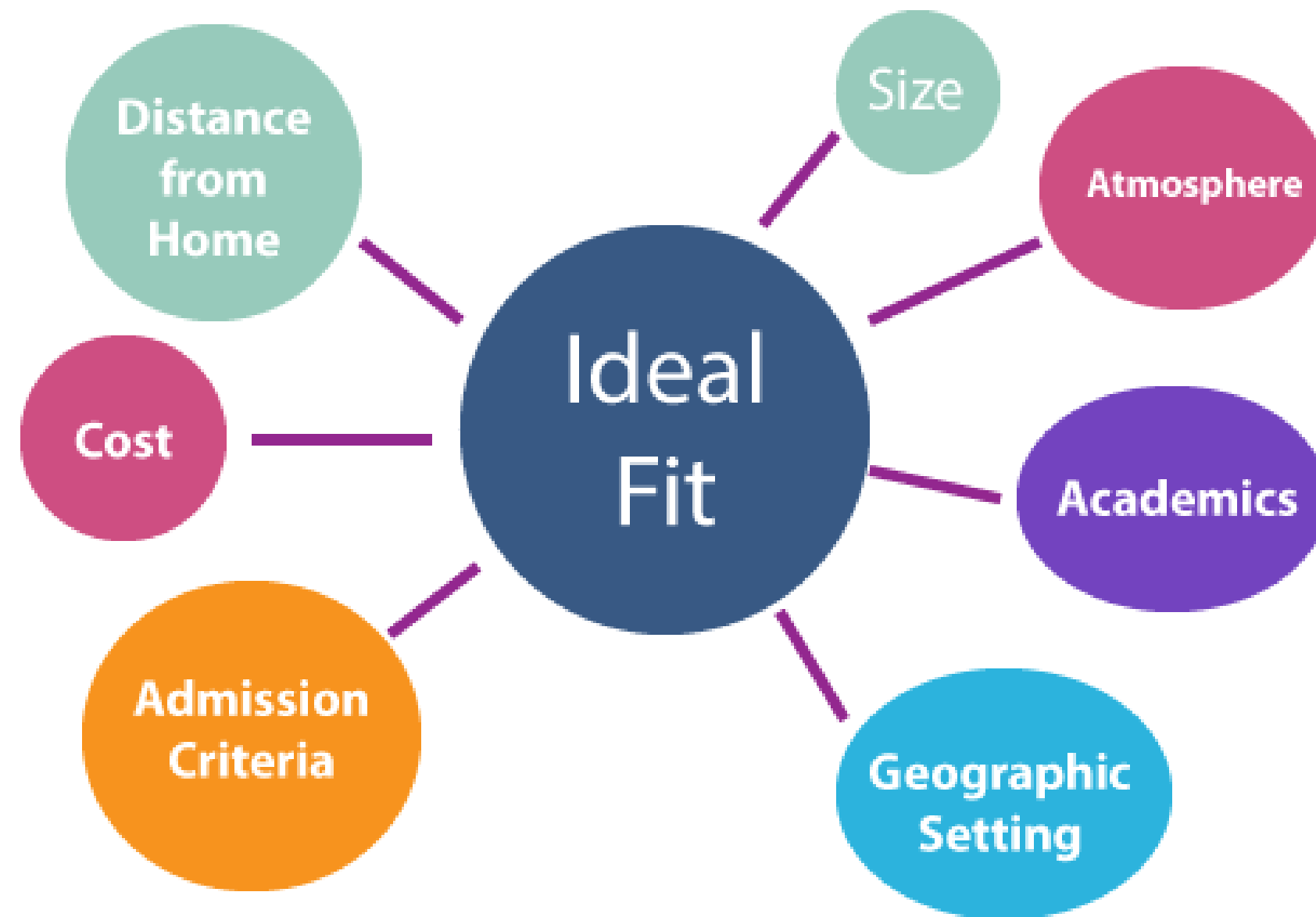
Gap Year

Two common reasons:

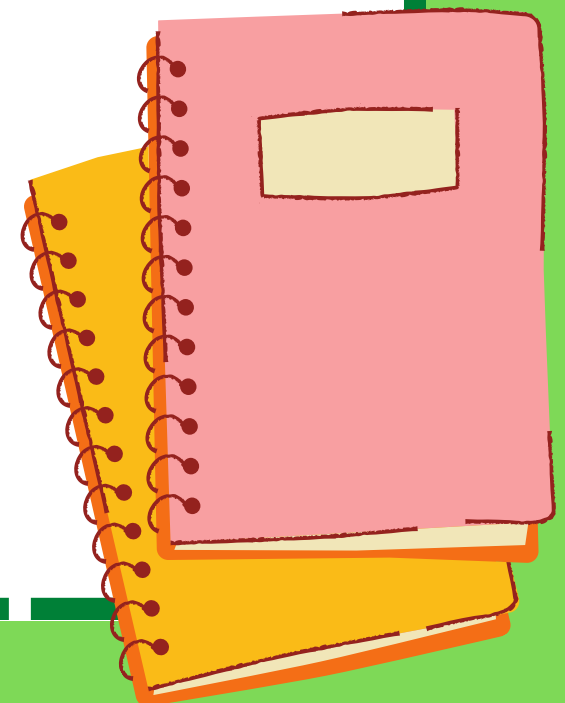
1. Burnout from high school
2. Wanting to learn more about themselves



RESEARCHING SCHOOLS



College Board
Search Tool





BUILDING A COLLEGE LIST

About 2-4 schools in each category are appropriate

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Reach: Colleges where the student applies knowing they do not meet some requirements. May be worthwhile if you have other attributes, experiences, or qualities that allow you to stand out.

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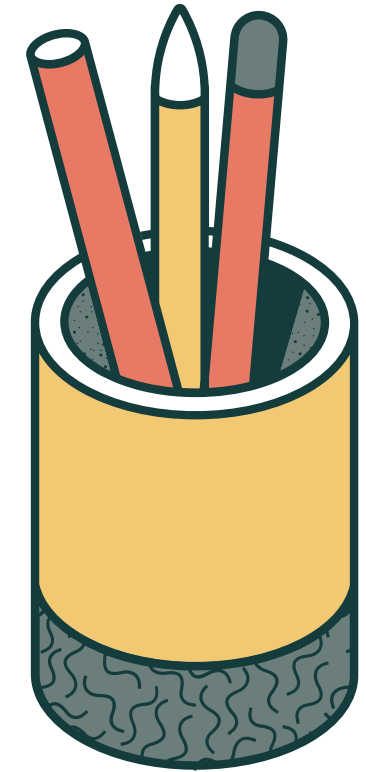
Target: Colleges where the student meets most of the admissions criteria. Student falls within acceptable range of GPA, scores, activities, etc.

03

Safety: Colleges where the student exceeds all of the admissions criteria.

"College is a match to be made, not a prize to be won."


APPLICATION DEADLINES



- **Early Decision**
 - Binding agreement with the college, regardless of financial aid award. If accepted, students must withdraw other applications. Deadlines are in October or November.
- **Early Action**
 - Non-binding, but must be completed early! Most deadlines are October or November. Will hear back sooner than those applying Regular Decision.
- **Regular Decision**
 - Traditional application option afforded by most schools. Apply by a specific date and receive a decision within a stated period of time.
- **Rolling Admissions**
 - Apply throughout the fall. Applicants are typically notified within 4-8 weeks.



HOW DO I APPLY?

- Apply to colleges through the Common Application or directly on the college website
 - If applying directly on college website, be sure to let Mrs. Campman know so your transcript is sent
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TIPS FOR COLLEGE ESSAYS

This is a chance for students to have a voice in their application – a chance to “tell their story!” Most colleges will require an essay. Students are encouraged to work on it throughout the summer.

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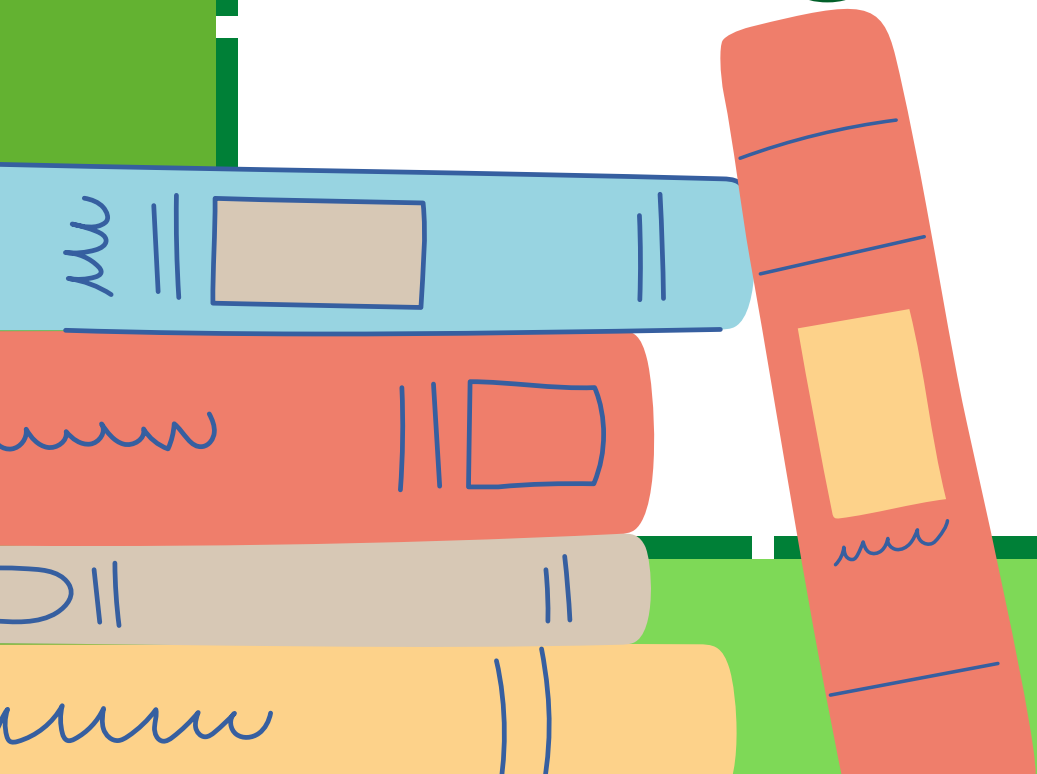
Admissions committees want to learn more about you, but they also want to sample your ability to express your thoughts in writing.

02

Get help from a teacher, brainstorm with a family member or friend. Have a number of adults read your essay to help edit your work!

03

Some colleges may require more than one essay which are called “supplemental essays.” These may be listed as optional, but all students should treat them as required.





LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION



Most colleges require one or two LoR from people who know you in and out of the classroom (counselor, teachers, coaches, employer). These letters help an admissions committee learn info about you that your grades might not reflect.

A small number of schools will **not** use these in their process.
(for example: PSU, Rutgers)

Factors to consider when choosing a teacher:

- Choose a teacher who knows you as a student, how you contribute in class
- Doesn't have to be a class that you earned an A, but you worked hard for your grade
- Someone who can speak to your strengths, determination, and work ethic
- Best to use a teacher you have had recently



2022-23 DATES & DEADLINES

SAT

ACT

MAY 6, 2023

Reg by Apr 7

JUNE 3, 2023

Reg by May 4

JUNE 10, 2023

Reg by May 5

JULY 15, 2023

Reg by June 16

- Counselors do not send SAT or ACT scores. Students must pay to send these reports directly to each college from their College Board account.
- Students do get 4 free score reports when they register.
- If a student is on free/reduced lunch, they are eligible to take the SAT twice for free.

2023-24 DATES & DEADLINES

SAT

ACT

AUG 26, 2023

Reg by July 28

OCT 7, 2023

Reg by Sept 8

NOV 4, 2023

Reg by Oct 5

DEC 2, 2023

Reg by Nov 2

MAR 9, 2024

Reg by Feb 23

SEPT 9, 2023

Reg by Aug 4

OCT 28, 2023

Reg by Sept 22

DEC 9, 2023

Reg by Nov 3

FEB 10, 2024

Reg by Jan 5

APR 13, 2024

Reg by Mar 8

Students register completely online
for both the SAT and ACT.



ADDITIONAL EXAM DETAILS

COVID-19 changed a lot in regards to standardized testing for college admission. Many colleges and universities have since gone **test optional**, meaning a score is no longer required for admission. However, a great score will still help you! You can find the most accurate information on each college's website.

*** still recommended to take the SAT and/or ACT ***





PAYING FOR COLLEGE



FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Can be completed as early as October 1st of senior year. Our local PHEAA rep will present a Financial Aid Night in fall, along with several "FAFSA Completion Nights." Highly encouraged to attend!

FAFSA tells you how much you qualify for in free money (grants, which you do NOT have to pay back) and how much your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be. EFC is based on your family income. Go to the [FAFSA4Caster](#) to see an early estimate of this number.

Cost of school - EFC =
Financial Need/How much \$\$\$ you will pay

Scholarships

Money that does NOT need to be paid back. Students can start searching now on websites like Fastweb or BigFuture. Local scholarships are also listed on our [school website](#). Once accepted to school(s), should monitor their financial aid page for more opportunities.

Loans

Money borrowed by student or family that **MUST** be paid back. Can take out federal loans and/or private loans through lender or financial institution.

Work-Study Programs

Based on financial need, provides student with an on-campus job



DUAL ENROLLMENT



Some of this info is new for 2023-2024.
\$115 per credit/\$345 for 3 credit course

- Dual Enrollment (DE) coursework allows 11th and 12th grade students (with a 85% or higher GPA) an opportunity to earn college credits while still in high school through successful completion of online college coursework.
- LTHS has agreements with both Commonwealth University and HACCC. Students also have the option to go on campus at PCT or Lycoming College, but LTHS does not have a formal agreement in place. This would be completely coordinated through student/family.
- Biggest benefit of DE is that you may start accumulating college credits, helping you graduate from college on time or even early. DE coursework could potentially save students a lot of money! The average 3-credit course at a Pennsylvania college/university is around \$2,000.



DUAL ENROLLMENT



Some things to think about...

Important Considerations:

- Classes are college-level and are taught by professors
- Classes are not considered as rigorous as AP by colleges when applying for admission (do your research!). DE courses are weighted at 1.06, AP is weighted at 1.08
- Classes may not transfer, especially to out-of-state and/or highly rigorous schools
- LTHS and college calendars will not line up; may cause schedule complications
- LTHS and your family will NOT have access to your real time grade and will not know how you are doing until course is complete. If you do not do well, it could cause issues with financial aid, academic probation, etc. at future college



A QUICK NOTE FOR ATHLETES

NCAA Eligibility Center determines your academic eligibility for competitive athletics.

If a student is planning on competing in Division 1 or Division 2 athletics, the student must register online through the NCAA Clearinghouse.

Student/family are responsible for making sure that they meet NCAA course and GPA requirements.

Students need to register by July 1st of Junior year in order to be pre-screened for limited, official visits.






JUNIOR YEAR TASKS

- Start to research colleges with the College Board tool and narrow down your list
 - Consider going on college visits while the school(s) is still in session... in-person, if possible
- Be thoughtful about the courses you choose to schedule for the 2023-2024 school year
- Stay engaged! Prioritize the quality (your leadership, genuine interest, initiative) of your involvement over the quantity of activities. Being a member of many clubs/activities is less impressive than being an active leader in 1 or 2
- Think about who you will ask for letters of recommendation and review Common App essay prompts to brainstorm ideas
- Register for SAT or ACT this spring
- Register with NCAA if planning to play D1 or D2 athletics

DO SOMETHING
today
that your future self
^{WILL}
thank
— YOU FOR. —

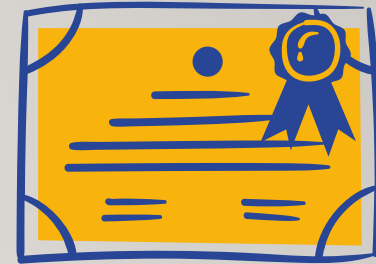
WHAT SHOULD PARENTS DO/DON'T DO BETWEEN NOW AND SENIOR YEAR?

- ✓ **DO** Put your blinders on – your student is unique; postsecondary choices are not “one size fits all”
- ✓ **DO** support and help them organize to create a strategy
- ✓ **DO** FAFSA4Caster to learn projected EFC (and then FAFSA Oct. 1) 
- ✓ **DO** Recognize and anticipate stressful moments
 - ✓ Schedule a time each week for postsecondary discussions so you don't overwhelm your student
- ✓ **DO** Help him/her learn to advocate for him/herself
 - Then, let them do it!



✗ **DON'T** do things for your young adult that he/she can (and should) do for themselves:

- ✗ complete their applications
- ✗ write their essays
- ✗ create their accounts
- ✗ check their emails
- ✗ ask reps/counselors questions on their behalf



✗ **DON'T** believe everything you hear

- Take your friends' advice with a grain of salt

✗ **DON'T** focus on rankings; the goal is to find the right FIT for the student, not fit the student to the college

✗ **DON'T** add unrealistic pressure, but listen and support their ideas about the future



SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

FALL

Apply!

Apply to your chosen colleges as soon as possible. Seats can and will fill up, even if you meet or even exceed a school and/or program's requirements.

- Re-take SAT or ACT, if necessary
- Secure letters of recommendation
- Have at least 2 adults read/review your essay(s)
- Attend Financial Aid Night and complete the FAFSA

The best way to predict the future is to create it.



SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST



Winter

“ PLAN FOR THE FUTURE,
BECAUSE THAT IS WHERE YOU
ARE GOING TO SPEND THE
REST OF YOUR LIFE. ”

Think Money!

- Look for scholarship opportunities.
Apply early and often!
- Compare your financial aid packages from
the colleges and universities that have
accepted you.



SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST



Celebrate!

- Make your final choice, and notify all schools of your intent by May 1. Pay attention to deadlines for deposits, housing information, etc. Once you have chosen to attend a particular school, you will likely be required to submit a nonrefundable deposit and complete housing information.
- GRADUATE! YOU DID IT!

"THE FUTURE BELONGS
TO THOSE WHO BELIEVE
IN THE BEAUTY OF
THEIR DREAMS."
- ELEANOR ROOSEVELT



Questions?

Thank you for attending!



GOOD
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ARE
COMING