

YOUR COLLEGE PLANNING CHECKLIST

SPRING Junior Year

Check	Task	Date
	Register for the SAT (www.collegeboard.org) and/or ACT (www.actstudent.org) <i>It is recommended that you take the ACT and/or SAT once in the spring/summer of your junior year and once in the fall of your senior year.</i>	
	Access resources for studying for the SAT and ACT.	
	Start researching and applying for scholarships and grants.	
	Create a list of colleges/universities that offer majors that interest you.	
	Check the admissions requirements for your list of colleges/universities —SAT/SAT II/ACT, portfolios, essays, recommendation letters, Common Application, Coalition Application, Institutional Application. Use the Scattergrams in <i>Family Connection</i> to compare yourself to other Edison students who have applied to your list of colleges/universities.	
	Create a Common Application (http://www.commonapp.org) or Coalition Application (http://www.coalitionforcollegeaccess.org) account.	

SUMMER Junior Year

Check	Task
	Visit college campuses or take their online tours. (www.vapivatecolleges.org)
	Make a schedule of application deadlines.
	Begin drafting your Common Application or Coalition Application essays.
	Create a resume. <i>List your activities, awards, jobs and other interests outside of school which will help your teachers, coaches and counselor write stronger recommendation letters.</i>
	Continue looking for scholarships and grants!

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER Senior Year

Check	Task	Date
	Register to take the SATs and/or ACT again.	
	Review your schedule of application deadlines.	
	Begin applying to the colleges/universities on your list. <i>Some will open their applications as early as August 1 for the fall of 2019!</i>	
	Sign up through Family Connection for admissions visits in the Career Center. <i>The admissions representatives that come to Edison are most likely the ones who will read your application and are best able to answer questions you might have about their colleges and universities.</i>	
	Schedule an appointment with your counselor or the Career Center Specialist to review admission requirements for your colleges/universities and the process for requesting transcripts and counselor recommendation letters. <i>The senior packet has all of the information you will need to request transcripts and counselor recommendation letters!</i>	
	Ask teachers and coaches for recommendation letters. <i>Be ready to provide them with a resume and information regarding how they are to submit the recommendation letter. Be sure to talk with them before you send the link for the recommendation letter!</i>	
	Create your FSA ID and have your parents create theirs too. <i>For more information go to: www.StudentAid.gov/fsaid</i>	

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OCTOBER Senior Year

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	Be sure your counselor, teachers and coaches have received the information they need to complete your recommendation letters and you have completed your senior packet.	
	Register and take the SATs and/or ACT if you haven't taken them yet or for a second time.	
	Sign up through Family Connection for admissions visits in the Career Center.	
	Go to college fairs.	
	Keep working on your college applications and essays.	
	<p>Complete and submit your FAFSA. <i>You should submit your FAFSA by the earliest financial aid deadline of the colleges/universities to which you are applying.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>A Financial Aid Champion will be available in the Career Center to help you and your parents complete the FAFSA. Check with the Career Center Specialist for more information.</i> 	
	Attend financial aid workshops with your parents.	
	Keep researching and applying for scholarships!	

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER Senior Year

Check	Task
	If you are applying for EARLY DECISION or EARLY ACTION, check the deadlines and submit your applications in time!
	Register for on-site admissions opportunities in the Career Center. <i>Colleges/universities will review applications, SAT/ACT scores and transcripts in order to make an admissions decision on the spot.</i>
	Submit your FAFSA!

JANUARY/FEBRUARY Senior Year

Check	Task
	Check your REGULAR DECISION deadlines—they're getting close! Submit your applications in time.
	Submit your FAFSA!
	Your seventh semester transcript will automatically be sent to all of the colleges/universities listed on your transcript request form.
	Continue applying for scholarships!

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MARCH-JUNE Senior Year

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	Respond immediately to any requests for information from colleges and financial aid offices. <i>Be sure to check your spam folder for messages.</i>
	Read your admission decision letter carefully. <i>You may not have been accepted to your particular major, but may have still been accepted to the college/university. If you are waitlisted or deferred, contact the admissions office to see if there is anything else you might be able to do to improve your odds of being accepted. If you are unclear of your admission decision, take your letter to your counselor or the Career Center Specialist for him/her to help you decipher it.</i>
	Review the financial aid packages from your colleges/universities with your counselor or the Career Center Specialist.
	Pay your required deposit for enrollment by May 1, 2019.
	Pay your deposit for room and board if you will be living on campus.
	Register for orientation and placement tests.
	Check with the admissions and the financial aid offices to be sure they have everything they need to complete your enrollment into their college/university.
	Complete the FCPS Senior Survey. <i>This survey ensures that your final transcript will be sent to the college/university you will be attending.</i>