

Blind Brook High School Guidance College Timeline for Juniors & Seniors

Junior Year	Planning
September	Take a challenging program that will enrich your experience and prepare you for college. <i>Get involved!</i>
October	Take the PSATs.
November	Work hard in your classes because your grades are the most important factor in the admissions process.
December	Review your PSAT scores. Buy an SAT/ACT prep book and begin working at least a little everyday. Are you doing any community service? You will receive your Naviance log-in information for preliminary college searches.
January	Junior College Counseling Groups begin. Start thinking about the teachers you would like to ask for recommendations. When are you going to take the SAT or ACT? Attend Junior College Planning Night. 1 st Semester is over: How are your grades?
February	Junior College Counseling Groups continue. Plan for a rigorous senior program of classes. Register for SAT and/or ACTs.
March	Do the colleges that you are applying to require SAT II's? Many students take these exams in June of junior year. At school, you will register for the AP Exams. Develop a list of 15-20 colleges and begin your research.
April	Don't lose focus in your classes and keep up the good work in your extra-curricular activities, job or community service. Plan college visits from now through senior year. Have you thought about your upcoming summer plans? You will receive the <u>Senior Autobiography</u> and <u>College Packet</u> to be completed by the end of the year. Student-Parent-Counselor College Conferences begin.
May	Advanced Placement Exams. SAT and/or ACT's. Meet with your counselor and update him or her on your college research.
June	Ask two teachers to write letters of recommendation on your behalf. Ask two teachers for evaluations for the guidance department. Do well on your finals and standardized tests. Make sure your fall schedule is all set. Complete your <u>Senior Autobiography</u> and <u>College Packet</u> and return to Counseling Department by Friday, June 13th.
July & August	Visit campuses. Write a thank you to college admissions officers that provide you with information or an interview. Begin to write your college essay using the Common Application prompts. Start to gather application materials for the colleges you are going to apply to.

Senior Year	Planning
September	<p>Meet with your counselor. Have your counselor or English teacher review your college essay(s). Familiarize yourself with the admission requirements for each college chosen. Ensure you are aware of all deadlines. Sign up for Oct or Nov SAT/ACT/SATII if needed. Complete Transcript Request Forms for ED, EA and Rolling Applications. Attend senior college night at the high school.</p>
October	<p>Take the SAT/ACT/SATII. Forward your test scores to the colleges you are applying to. Follow up with the people who are writing letters of recommendation to confirm deadlines and provide envelopes. Make sure to keep a file of all copied applications and/or online access codes.</p>
November	<p>Continue working to complete all applications. Confirm with all ED, EA and Rolling colleges that admissions materials have been received and that your admissions folder is complete. Stay aware of all deadlines. Complete all Transcript Request Forms for the colleges you are applying to. Important: Forward your SAT/ACT test scores to your colleges. Financial Aid workshop at the high school.</p>
December	<p>Meet with your counselor to clarify everything is in order. Take any remaining necessary SAT I/II, ACT tests.</p>
January	<p>If you have been accepted at your early decision school, make sure you have sent your deposit and have withdrawn all other applications. Prepare Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), fafsa.org. Check to see if schools also require their own financial aid forms.</p>
February	<p>Confirm with colleges that all admissions materials have been received and that your admissions folder is complete. Your mid-year report will be mailed from guidance to every school you have applied to. Prepare for senior options program. Write to let your colleges know of any new honors or accomplishments.</p>
March	<p>You will register, at school, for any Advanced Placement tests you may be taking. Make sure you have received confirmation from FAFSA. Sit with your counselor and review the decisions you received from the colleges.</p>
April	<p>Review the acceptances and financial aid offers you receive. If necessary, revisit one or two of your top choice schools, then make your final decision. Notify your college of choice of your acceptance of its offer. Send your deposit to the school you have chosen before the deadline date.</p>
May	<p>Notify the schools you have not chosen to attend of your decision. Confirm your deposit was received at your college of choice. Take the Advanced Placement exams.</p>
June	<p>Confirm with guidance that your transcript is being forwarded to your college. Enjoy your graduation!</p>

