

Dougherty Valley High School College & Career Center



Seniors

HIGH SCHOOL TIMELINE & PLANNING FOR COLLEGE

Semester One

- _____ No Senioritis!-- be proactive...seek help from teachers, peer tutoring through CSF, etc.
- _____ Read Schoolloop and listen to daily bulletin for counseling and college information.
- _____ Attend college visits in the College & Career Center (sign up prior on *Naviance*).
- _____ Narrow your college list to 7-10 schools and review it with your parents and counselor. Prioritize and categorize your colleges into "reach," "target," and "likely" schools.
- _____ Enter your list of colleges in *Naviance* to help you track the application process.
- _____ Counselors meet with senior class. You will learn about the Letter of Recommendation process and be able to move your colleges in *Naviance* to the list "Colleges I'm applying to."
- _____ Decide and ask the teachers and counselors whom you would like to write you a positive letter of recommendation, if required by colleges.
- _____ For Common Application and other private universities, prepare packet for your counselors to write you a positive letter of recommendation. Download packet information and checklist from *Naviance*.
- _____ Register for October or November SAT, ACT, or Subject tests, if applicable.
- _____ Attend Senior Parent Night with counselors in late September.
- _____ Attend DVHS Financial Aid Night in October.
- _____ Get started on FAFSA application. Deadline is March 2.
- _____ Attend SRVUSD College Night in late October.
- _____ Attend workshops in the College and Career Center for help on Common Application, UC applications, CSU applications, essays, scholarships, and more.

_____ Request transcripts to be sent to colleges in *Naviance*, if required.

_____ Complete CSS Profile (www.collegeboard.org)

_____ Attend scholarship workshop in the College & Career Center.

Winter

_____ Remember many colleges' financial aid deadlines fall in February. Keep copies of everything you send to your colleges.

_____ If admitted to a college Early Decision, you must withdraw all other applications.

_____ Apply for scholarships. Search *Naviance*, Schoolloop, daily announcements, and the College & Career Center for updated scholarship lists.

_____ Students planning to enroll in a community college—attend information session in February to learn about the enrollment process.

Spring

_____ Report all admission decisions in *Naviance*.

_____ You should receive all letters by April 1st. In most cases you have until May 1st to decide and submit your "Statement of Intent" to enroll at one college. *If you are waitlisted, speak with your counselor or visit the College & Career Center to discuss recommended steps.

_____ Take required placement tests by the colleges/universities.

_____ Send your final transcript to the college you plan to attend.

_____ Ensure your AP scores are sent, if applicable.

_____ Complete DVHS Senior Graduation Survey in *Naviance*.

_____ GRADUATION!

Summer

_____ Start preparing for the upcoming school year.

_____ Attend your college orientation.

_____ Write thank you notes to those who helped you with your application process.

_____ Enjoy your summer with friends and family!