

Planning Out Senior Year

Time of Year		After Graduation Plan					
August – October		Everyone	College	Technical	Military	Work	Undecided
	Sign up for Class of 2025 Remind (parents/guardians can also sign up)	x					
	Learn how to write/communicate through a professional email	x					
	Learn how to scan an item as a PDF with your phone and save it	x					
	Complete the Beginning of the Year Senior Survey (mandatory for all seniors)	x					
	Complete the Free/Reduced Meal Application to qualify for test fee waivers	x					
	Take the SAT and/or ACT (don't forget school day tests)	x					
	Become familiar with Xello (only login through ClassLink)	x					
	Purchase cap & gown for graduation (interest free payment plan available) from Herff Jones	x					
	Research schools and make a list of those you want to apply to		x	x			x
	Keep a file for all your college application information		x	x			
	Apply to colleges		x	x			x
	Create and complete your Common App account for schools using that system (First Yr. Student)		x				
	Connect Xello with Common App		x				
	Ask people to be your recommenders for applications and give them deadlines		x				
	Write your essay for college applications and have someone trusted proof it		x				
	All transcripts will be requested through Xello to send to the schools you apply to		x				
	Complete and submit all 4-year college applications by October 31st (FSU & FAU the 15th)		x				
	Research scholarships (local ones will be listed on Xello)		x	x			
	Complete the SSAR (or SPARK for UCF) before school's deadline		x	x			
	After applying to each college, follow their specific directions to create an online portal account, and check the account status frequently.		x				

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November – February		Everyone	College	Technical	Military	Work	Undecided
	Apply for Education Foundation Scholarships (one application for multiple local scholarships)	X					
	Complete the FAFSA for Federal Student Aid (application opens Dec. 1st)	X					
	Complete the Bright Futures Application (opens November 1st)	X					
	Earn volunteer hours and submit to your counselor	X					
	Visit/tour schools (in person or virtually)	X					
	Take ACT/SAT again if you did not reach desired scores	X					
	Order cap and gown before January 1 when the price goes up to \$100!	X					
	Start applying for scholarships		X	X	X		X
	After acceptances complete Housing Application & Deposit for your top school(s). These are non-refundable but housing fills up quickly.		X				
March – April		Everyone	College	Technical	Military	Work	Undecided
	Continue to apply to available scholarships	X					
	If DE and staying at Valencia, complete the required forms before graduation		X			X	X
	Start narrowing down acceptances to decide by the school's deadline		X	X			
	Make a decision and pay deposits to that school		X				
	Make sure all deposits and requirements are completed for your final school by their deadline		X	X			X
May		Everyone	College	Technical	Military	Work	Undecided
	Communicate your final school decision or plan with O'Dell (mandatory for all seniors)	X					
	Complete the End of Year Senior Survey (mandatory for all seniors)	X					
	Your final transcript will be sent to the school you listed as your final decision with O'Dell	X					

*This timeline is for planning purposes only and dates are subject to change.
Always reference official sites to ensure accuracy of information and deadlines.*