

Hudson High School

Checklist for College Planning

WHEN TO BEGIN	WHAT TO DO	HOW TO DO IT
Freshman and Sophomore years	<p>Become familiar with college entrance requirements.</p> <p>Do colleges differ in course requirements? Which courses in your high school curriculum satisfy college requirements?</p>	<p>Work with your parents, teachers and counselors to create a four-year curriculum plan to satisfy your goals.</p>
September-March of your Junior year	<p>Think about your reasons for going to college.</p> <p>What are your goals? What learning opportunities are most important? Do your college plans include career plans?</p>	<p>Talk to your parents, counselor, teachers and friends.</p>
January-March of your Junior year	<p>Identify important factors in choosing a college.</p> <p>Two-year or four-year? Location? Cost? Kind of atmosphere? Variety of study programs available?</p>	<p>Focus on your goals and career interests.</p> <p>Consult college guidebooks.</p>
March-August of your Junior Year	<p>List colleges you are considering and collect information.</p> <p>Have you included all possible choices? What information do you need? How did you get it?</p>	<p>Read, Listen, Discuss and visit college.</p> <p>Attend college fairs and college night programs in your area. Take appropriate college admissions test.</p>
August-December of your Senior year	<p>Compare the colleges on your list.</p> <p>Have you weighed out pros and cons carefully? Which colleges will meet your needs? Apply to your "choice" colleges. Do you have all the necessary forms? Are you sure of the application deadlines?</p>	<p>Continue visiting colleges.</p> <p>Organize information into detailed, useful comparisons. Obtain application forms. Observe deadlines. Submit transcript and test scores.</p>
November-April of your Senior year	<p>Make some final decisions.</p> <p>What additional preparation might be helpful? Do you feel comfortable with your <i>final choice</i>?</p>	<p>Confer with parents and counselors. Confirm your decision, and decline other admission offers. Show initiative!</p>