

## Senior Checklist for College

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- Start a file or folder, save EVERYTHING pertaining to college admissions.
- Obtain a social security card, since colleges frequently use this number as your official student number. Arrange for visits to college campuses.
- Take challenging courses in senior year in preparation for college.
- Maintain and improve academic grades. Colleges look unfavorably on failing grades, especially in senior year.
- Apply for ACT if you failed to do so in April or June. Test dates and registration deadlines are available in the counseling office.
- Use appropriate school code numbers.
- Release test results to the State of Michigan Scholarship Program by listing your school code on the registration form.
- Register for SAT if you plan to attend any out-of-state colleges or if you are applying for scholarships that require SAT. (National Merit Semi-finalists must take the SAT by November) See your counselor for college information and to review academic records test scores.
- Check to see if colleges to which you are applying require Achievement Tests.
- Start applying to colleges and have all applications processed by your counselor by December. For early admission decision, November 1st is the deadline.
- Pick up applications for Michigan colleges or universities in Career Center.
- Write to out-of-state colleges for applications. A sample letter is found later in this booklet.
- Many colleges offer an early admission procedure; check with your particular college for deadline dates. These are usually in September/October.
- Meet with college representatives when they visit your school. If a special education student, inquire if special needs support is available.
- Attend a UCS Career Expo and college fairs.
- Check all available materials for scholarships and make application. (Information is found in Career Center and Student Notes.)
- Follow-up on MI-CASHE list obtained during junior year.
- Read weekly student notes and listen to announcements.
- Attend financial aid seminars.
- Return State of Michigan Scholarship materials by deadline date. You will receive a letter from the State of Michigan Scholarship Program in December stating procedures to follow.
- File the Free Application for Federal Student A (FAFSA) form after January 1, and before February 15.
- Notify counselor or counseling secretary of any scholarships received.
- Notify counseling secretary regarding which colleges should receive your 7th and/or 8th semester grades.
- Notify counseling secretary of your final choice of college.