

## College Planning Timeline (Senior Year)

### Summer between Junior-Senior School Years

- Create a professional email address. No funky names, etc.
- Explore college options with parents-finances, locations, etc.
- Research application requirements at schools that you are interested in attending.
- Take or retake the ACT, SAT, or CLT if necessary, to obtain a better qualifying score.
- Start searching for scholarships that you qualify for.
- Open a checking account and learn to manage it.
- Perform a meaningful service activity over the summer to strengthen your applications.

### Fall-Senior Year

- Ensure that your ACT, SAT or CLT score is high enough for the school(s) that you are interested in.
- Prepare an “Accomplishment” sheet and submit it to the school Registrar.
- Attend “college fairs” and visit with college representatives visiting KCS.
- Continue to visit schools that you are considering attending.
- Decide on a final set of colleges to apply for admission to.
- Complete and submit your applications.
- Stay organized and watch all of your deadlines.
- Research scholarship and financial aid opportunities.
- Submit transcript requests to Registrar.
- Request teacher recommendations.
- Keep your grades up-Senior year grades count.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) The application window traditionally opens on October 1 of each year, check the website to confirm.
- Complete the Tennessee Promise application. The application window is usually August 1-November 1. Be sure to check dates and comply with them. Apply online at <https://www.tn.gov/tnpromise.html>
- Begin Tennessee Promise community service hours.

### Spring-Senior Year

- Monitor Tennessee Promise deadlines.
- Continue Tennessee Promise community service hours.
- Ensure your FAFSA is submitted by the application deadline-typically, it is due by June 30, with any corrections necessary completed by September 11. Check the website as the dates are subject to change.
- Continue to monitor scholarship application deadlines and looking for other opportunities.
- Keep an eye out for your Student Aid Report (SAR) to arrive in the mail. Carefully examine the results of your aid.
- Respond rapidly to college requests for additional documentation for your application.
- Make a final decision and notify other colleges that you will not be attending.
- Notify the Registrar of your college decision and provide documentation of any scholarship monies that you will receive.

### Summer-After graduation

- Attend freshmen orientation at the college you will attend in the Fall.
- Finalize a budget with your parents.
- Pack and prepare for college. Assemble necessary materials-computer, etc.