

## Junior Timeline

### February-March

- Create a personal file with items such as...

Transcript, list of awards and honors (dates included)

School and community clubs and organizations you have joined, including dates, responsibilities and activities

List of all jobs for the year and/or summer

List of community service/volunteer work, including dates and hours spent

Update your file at the end of each semester.

- Plan college campus visits for spring.
- Register with NCAA Clearinghouse if you are a candidate for college athletics. (see page 5)
- Evaluate transcript.
- Select senior classes with the help of your counselor. You are responsible for selecting courses needed for graduation and/or college entrance.
- Begin college search using college guides and college Websites.
- Investigate activities, community service, volunteer work and/or employment for summer.

### April

- Take the ACT if registered.
  - Develop a preliminary list of colleges that interest you and visit their Website or write to them for information.
  - Begin searching for scholarships using the Keller ISD Website. Click on “Students” then “Scholarship Information” (left side of page). Login is the word **scholarships** with **keller** used as the password (case sensitive).
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## **May**

- Take the SAT if registered.
- Identify teachers whom you can ask for recommendations.
- Visit colleges while still in session or make plans for summer visits. Be sure to call ahead for an appointment.
- Register and take THEA if needed for dual credit classes next year.

## **June**

- Take the SAT or ACT if registered.
- Begin to organize all of the college materials you will be receiving in the mail.
- Visit college campuses.

## **July**

- Update your personal file.
- Prepare a profile of the colleges that most interest you. Email them and ask your specific questions.

## **August**

- Check your senior courses and credits for graduation and entry into college.
  - Stick with challenging courses. Your senior year is not a time to “slack off.” Remember that the deadline for changes in course requests was the last day of school.
  - Plan to attend the Senior Summit at your high school for information on topics such as applying to college, financial aid, scholarships, and much more.
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## College Timeline

### August

- Verify scheduled courses and credits reflect graduation and college entrance requirements.
- Register to retake ACT/SAT if necessary.
- Plan ahead for any fall college trips.
- Make plans to attend a college fair in September.

### September

- Contact colleges of your choice for admissions information and applications. Up-to-date information and online applications can be found on the college Website. Most applications are due between September and January.
- Create a separate file for each college. Get organized! Create a personal calendar of events and deadlines.
- Fill out the Apply Texas Application online at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org). Hard copies are available in the counseling office.
- Listen for announcements regarding visits from college representatives.
- Begin the first drafts of your college application essays where applicable.
- Complete the student profile prior to requesting recommendation letters.
- Check KISD website for scholarships. Log on to [www.kellerisd.net](http://www.kellerisd.net). Click on “Student Information” then “Scholarship Information”. Login: ***scholarships*** Password: ***keller*** (case sensitive)

### October/November

- Visit colleges during Fall Break.
- Read all materials from schools and scholarships carefully. Pay attention to deadlines; mark them down on your personal calendar.
- Early admission deadlines are usually around November 15th. You have a better chance for acceptance if you apply by the early admission deadline.
- Register to retake ACT/SAT if necessary.
- Check the KISD website for available scholarships.

**December**

- Complete as many applications as possible before Winter Break. Many schools have a January 15th admissions deadline.
- Check the KISD website for available scholarships.

**January/February**

- Attend FAFSA workshop for financial aid.
- Complete federal financial aid forms and submit online or mail them early. Financial aid is given out on a first come, first serve basis. We recommend completing the forms by March 1st. You can apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- Finish any other college applications.
- Plan ahead for any spring college visits.
- Request a copy of your mid-year transcript from the registrar.
- Check the KISD website for available scholarships.

**March/April**

- Continue to check your status at colleges to which you have applied.
- Register for Advanced Placement tests if applicable.
- Register for the THEA test if necessary.
- Review your acceptance and financial aid offers carefully.
- If possible, visit colleges before making your final choice.
- Wait to hear from all colleges before you make your decision.
- Notify the college of your choice, national reply deadline is May 1.
- Submit local scholarship applications by their deadline.

**May**

- Notify schools you have decided not to attend.
- Provide documentation to your high school registrar of all scholarships you have been offered for recognition at Senior Awards Assembly.
- Take Advanced Placement tests if appropriate.