

Senior College Planning Calendar

September

- Review your courses, college plans, and test scores with your guidance counselor.
- Register for the **ACT with writing** (or SAT if required). **Groveport Madison's CEEB code is 362-445.**
- Research Colleges on the web. Use the website www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
- Log on to www.ocis.org to research occupations, colleges, scholarships, etc. **Username: grovephs Password: ohioeis03**
- Narrow your college list to 5-6 schools. It is expensive to apply to colleges you do not plan to attend or qualify for!
- Attend college rep visits at the GMHS.
- Check out individual college websites, research admission requirements, plan visits, and request information.
- Begin completing college applications **AND** keep copies of application materials on each college or university.
- College-bound student athletes who wish to compete in NCAA Division I or II athletics need to register with the NCAA at www.eligibility.org. **Be sure to have ACT and/or SAT scores sent to the Eligibility Center (Code 9999)**
- Students interested in the Military or ROTC should see recruiters in the commons during lunch periods and sign up in the guidance office to take the ASVAB in October. Also visit www.military.com/ROTC-info.

October

- Work on college applications.
- Give thought to essay topics for admissions and scholarships.
- Consider whom to ask for letters of recommendation.
- Set up a calendar to track important dates and deadlines. Stay organized and watch deadlines!
- Visit colleges you are considering.
- Begin scholarship search on the websites of colleges where you are applying. Check out www.fastweb.com.

November

- Submit completed college app materials to your counselor **before November 15th** to ensure deadlines are met!
- **Many universities have a December 1st deadline to submit applications in order to qualify for scholarships.**
- Check all deadlines for applications, scholarships, and financial aid. **Update your calendar.**

December

- Complete college application process.
- Visit <http://fafsa.gov> and set up your PIN numbers. Be sure your parents also set up their pin numbers!
- Print the "FAFSA on the Web Worksheet".
- Ask **EACH** college you are applying to what financial aid applications/documents they require and their deadlines.
- Continue your scholarship search. Be sure to check deadlines!

January

- Submit you FAFSA as soon as possible.
- Complete federal income tax forms. You do not have to submit them yet.
- Need help completing the FAFSA? Register for College Goal Sunday at <http://www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org>.
- Verify financial aid and scholarship deadlines. **Update your calendar.**
- Fill out and submit required financial aid forms for colleges you are applying to.
- Interested in the Military or ROTC? Sign up in the guidance office to take the ASVAB in January.

February-March

- Attend College Goal Sunday in February. Register at <http://www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org>.
- College acceptance and financial award letters begin to arrive.
- Watch your email for you Student Aid Report (SAR). Don't panic if you are selected for verification.
- Carefully examine award notices. Review and respond by the deadlines given.
- Respond quickly to college request for additional documentation.

April-May

- Compare financial aid awards that you receive. **WATCH for important DEADLINES!!!**
- Make you final decision and send your tuition deposit. Most colleges request your reply by **May 1st**.
- Notify financial aid office of outside scholarships awarded.
- Notify our guidance office of scholarships received and amounts awarded
- Notify our guidance office of where to send your final transcript.
- Notify other colleges of your decision not to attend.