



THE MASTER'S ACADEMY

Senior Planning Calendar 2023-2024

May - August

- Meet with the Guidance Department to discuss your application, essays, YouScience survey, counselor recommendations, and teacher recommendations.
- Verify that your Transcript Release form is on file in the Guidance office.
- Begin finalizing your essays and resume and review with your college counselor.
- Attend the **Senior Summit on August 12th** to prepare for college admissions season.

September

- Finalize your Early Decision and Early Action applications.
- Once you submit an application, update SCOIR to reflect that school as “Applied”
- Sign-up for on-site or virtual college visits via SCOIR and visit with at least five.
- National Merit applicants submit your materials to the Guidance department.
- File for your CSS Financial Aid Profile online at www.collegeboard.com
- Meet with the Guidance office for college counseling if you haven't already.
- Check on application and financial aid deadlines for the schools to which you plan to apply. They may vary and it is essential to meet all deadlines!
- Meet with the Guidance office to be sure your list includes colleges appropriate to your academic and personal record. Review your transcript and co-curricular records with your counselors to ensure their accuracy.
- Register for the October/November SAT Reasoning Test and/or SAT Subject Tests, or September/October ACT.
- Be thoughtful! Write thank-you notes to those who write recommendations and keep them informed of your decisions.
- Plan visits to colleges and set up interviews (if you didn't get to them during the summer or if you want to return to a campus for the second time). Read bulletin boards and the college newspaper. Talk with current students and professors.

October

- Submit state university applications by the preferred date of October 1st.
- Check with the Guidance Department or on SCOIR to make sure your transcript and test scores have been/will be sent to the colleges to which you are applying.
- If applying for early decision or early action, send in your application now. Also prepare applications for back-up schools. Remember, if you are accepted under the early decision option, you are expected to enroll at that college and to withdraw all other applications. Submit financial aid information if requested from early decision/action candidates.
- Register for the December/January SAT Reasoning Test and/or SAT Subject Tests, or December ACT if you have not completed the required tests or if you are not happy with your previous test scores and think you can do better.
- Have official test scores sent by the testing agency to colleges on your list.

November

- Take the SAT Reasoning Test or the SAT Subject Tests if appropriate. Don't forget to have test scores sent to colleges on your list.
- Be sure your first quarter grades are good.
- Check to make sure your college or state does not require any other financial aid forms. If they do, consult the Guidance Department or contact the college's financial aid office.
- Continue completing applications to colleges.

- Keep all records, test score reports and copies of applications for admission and financial aid. Do not throw anything away until at least the end of your first year in college. Having detailed records will save you time and effort should anything be lost or should you decide to apply in the future to other colleges and scholarship programs.
- Make appointments to visit college campuses.

December

- Students will be able to file a 2023-2024 FAFSA in **DECEMBER, 2023**, which is two months later than the typical October 1 release date. Parents will need to have their 2022 tax information available to file. Contact the Guidance Office with any questions.
- December 1 – First date to apply for Bright Futures. We will host Bright Futures labs for students in February and walk you through the application.
- Have your official test scores sent to colleges on your list if you have not done so.
- File your last college application.
- If you applied for early decision, you should have an answer by now. If you are accepted, follow the instructions for admitted students. If the decision is deferred until spring or you are denied, submit applications now to other colleges.

January

- Keep working in your classes! Grades and courses continue to count throughout the senior year.
- Request that the Guidance Department send the transcript of your first semester grades to the colleges to which you applied.

February

- Attend your assigned group to apply for Bright Futures with the Guidance Department during FLEX.
- Remember to monitor your applications to be sure that all materials are sent and received on time and that they are complete. Stay on top of things and don't procrastinate; you can ruin your chances for admission by missing a deadline.
- If you completed a FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) within four weeks after submitting the FAFSA. Review the SAR carefully and check for any inaccuracies. If necessary, correct any items on the SAR and return it to the FAFSA processor (if a college transmitted your data directly, notify the college of any change).
- If more than four weeks have passed after sending in your FAFSA and you have not received an acknowledgment, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at (319) 337-5665. To identify you, they will need your name, social security number, address, and date of birth exactly as it was written on your FAFSA.
- Complete scholarship applications. You may be eligible for more scholarships than you think, so apply for as many as you can.
- Enjoy your final year in high school, but don't catch senioritis!

March

- Stay focused and keep studying – only a couple more months to go!
- This is a good time to visit colleges that you have been accepted to so you can make a final decision by May.

April

- May 1 – Final notification for colleges to the Guidance Office.
- Evaluate financial aid packages. Make any final campus visits and pray about your decision.
- Submit all your final community service hours.

May

- **May 1 – Decision Day! You must notify colleges of your final decision by this date.**
- Notify the other colleges that accepted you that you have selected another college.
- If you haven't applied for Bright Futures, you must do so before you graduate.
- Request that your counselor send your final transcript to the college you will attend. Notify the college of any private scholarships or grants you will be receiving.

May 6-17, 2024 – AP Exams

Date	Test
Monday, May 6	AP United States Government and Politics AP Chemistry
Tuesday, May 7	AP Human Geography AP Statistics
Wednesday, May 8	AP English Literature and Composition AP Computer Science A
Thursday, May 9	AP Psychology
Friday, May 10	AP European History AP United States History AP Art and Design digital portfolio due
Monday, May 13	AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Precalculus
Tuesday, May 14	AP English Language and Composition
Wednesday, May 15	AP World History: Modern
Thursday, May 16	AP Spanish Language and Culture
Friday, May 17	AP Physics 1: Algebra-Based

**Some dates subject to change*