

COLLEGE APPLICATION TIMELINE

Fall, senior year

September:

- **Make sure all required junior year writings have been submitted so the College Recommendation Committee can commence composing your letter**
- Continue to meet with Mr. Kahn
 - Work on finalizing the college list
 - Work on brainstorming essay topics
 - Get feedback on drafts of college essays
 - Find essay writing prompts at www.commonapp.org or http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/apply/pdf/APPIstructions_FR.pdf (p.19)
- Consult college visit schedule on Naviance to see which school's representatives will be visiting San Diego Jewish Academy, and when
 - Attend representatives' presentations from schools you are applying to, when possible (with teachers' permission when necessary)
- Register for September ACT as well as October, November, and December ACT's and/or SAT I's.
 - Determine which schools that will receive your application require SAT II's, and make sure the requisite number are taken by December
 - Remember that SAT I and SAT II exams cannot be taken at the same administration

October:

- Finalize the college list by the beginning of the month
- Finalize list of schools that require CSS/Profile, and submit: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/scholarships-and-aid/8374.html>
- Post to Naviance the finalized list of schools that will receive your application
- Request transcripts through Naviance
 - **Note any ED or EA applications**
 - **Allow 10 days to process paperwork**
- Complete the Common Application waiver on Naviance
- Sign and submit to Mrs. Watt any non-Common Application Secondary School Report forms required by any school that will receive your application
- Continue to meet with Mr. Kahn to discuss your essays
 - Meet with other teachers for their feedback on your essays
- Request letters of recommendation from one or two teachers
 - Confirm the number of letters of recommendation, besides the counselor letter, you need by consulting college and university websites or contacting admissions offices; **do not request letters simply to have them on file for yourself**

- Make sure to request letters from teachers at least 6 weeks before the application's due date
 - Provide teachers who're writing you a letter with a stamped envelope addressed to each school that will receive the letter
 - Sign and provide teachers with any recommendation forms that might need to accompany the letter of recommendation
- Establish contact with representatives who will read your application at any private schools that will receive your application
- Arrange for interviews at any private schools that will receive your application
- Begin to fill out UC and Cal State applications
 - <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/>
 - www.csumentor.edu
- Begin to fill out applications for schools with rolling admissions
- Set up your Common Application account at www.commonapp.org
 - Attend to which schools on the Common Application require supplementary essays

November:

- Continue to solicit feedback on college essays
- Finalize UC and Cal State applications
 - Submit UC application (until 11:59 pm on November 30th)
 - Submit Cal State application (until 11:59 pm on November 30th)
- Finalize and submit applications to schools with rolling admissions
- Work towards finalizing Common Application and supplements

December:

- Finish taking any SAT I, SAT II, or ACT exams
- Finalize your Common Application and supplements
 - Attend to due dates of Common Application schools
- Realize that mid-December is the last time to have drafts of applications and essays read prior to application due dates during the first week of January

**REMEMBER TO SEND TEST SCORES THROUGH
WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.COM OR WWW.ACT.ORG TO COMPLETE YOUR
 APPLICATION**

Spring, senior year:

January:

- Plan any college visits
- Compile financial information to file FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by March 2nd: <http://www.fafsaonline.com/>
- Arrange with Mrs. Watt to have your letter of recommendation read to you

February:

- Plan any college visits

March:

- Plan any college visits
- Expect to hear admissions decisions by the end of the month
 - Inform Mrs. Watt of all admissions decisions you receive

April:

- Plan any college visits
- Receive all college acceptances and denials
- Inform Mrs. Watt of all college admissions decisions

May 1st—National Commit Date:

- Send in your Statement of Intent to Register and deposit to **one** school
 - In many cases, it is unethical to send a deposit to more than one school to buy additional time to decide which school to attend
- Inform Mrs. Watt which school you will attend so your final transcript can be sent

July-August:

- Anticipate the outstanding years of college that are to come!