



## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade College Prep Timeline for Parents

<b>Fall</b>		
<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>1.</b>	Together, review admission requirements and deadlines for all schools to which your student will apply. Meet with the counselor to review details.	
<b>2.</b>	Remind your student to meet with their EAOP Coordinator and to register for upcoming EAOP events. To stay up to date, please visit our website at <a href="https://eaop.ucr.edu/">https://eaop.ucr.edu/</a>	
<b>3.</b>	If your student plans to take the ACT, SAT Reasoning or SAT Subject Exams this fall, he or she should register now.	
<b>4.</b>	If needed, you student can apply for college application fee waivers directly through the colleges. All students who receive an SAT fee waiver are eligible for four application fee waivers from the College Board.	
<b>5.</b>	Attend a College Fair or College Open House with your student.	
<b>6.</b>	Help your student identify 3 or 4 trusted individuals to review application materials. Provide reviewers with materials early so they have ample time to strengthen the application.	
<b>7.</b>	Ensure that your student asks for any required recommendation letters at least three weeks before the due date(s). Give each recommender required forms, resume and a stamped, addressed envelope.	
<b>8.</b>	Help your student ensure that the school guidance office sends transcripts to colleges (only if required by college).	
<b>9.</b>	Have your student create their FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID or CADAA (California Dream Act Account) Account and apply for financial aid. Visit <a href="https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa">https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa</a> or <a href="https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing">https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing</a>	
<b>10.</b>	The time to apply to CSU's and UC's between October 1 and November 30.	
<b>11.</b>	Your student should send his or her SAT scores to the colleges where he or she as applied.	

<b>Winter</b>		
<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>1.</b>	Encourage your student to talk to college friends on winter break about how to prepare for the first semester/quarter of college.	
<b>2.</b>	Many scholarship applications are due in December.	
<b>3.</b>	File your taxes as early as possible.	
<b>4.</b>	Have your student create their FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID or CADAA (Calif Dream Act Account) Account. Visit <a href="https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafs">https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafs</a> <a href="https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing">https://dream.csac.ca.gov/landing</a>	
<b>5.</b>	Attend a Financial Aid night at your student's high school and/or in your community, such as a "Cash for College" event ( <a href="http://www.californiacashforcollege.org">www.californiacashforcollege.org</a> ). Remember, the priority deadline for FAFSA is March 2.	
<b>6.</b>	Approximately four weeks after completing the FAFSA, your family will receive the Student Aid Report (SAR), a summary of the information provided on the FAFSA. Make any necessary changes and return.	

<b>Spring</b>		
<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>
<b>1.</b>	If your student plans to attend community college in the fall, apply now.	
<b>2.</b>	Encourage your student to look for a summer job, internship or volunteer opportunity early.	
<b>3.</b>	Your student should prepare early for AP exams held the first 2 weeks in May. A qualifying grade can earn college credit at many colleges. Have your student send scores to the college he or she will attend in the fall.	
<b>4.</b>	Most admissions decisions and financial aid award letters will arrive in April.	
<b>5.</b>	Compare aid award letters. Talk to financial aid officers if you have any questions. If your student has not received enough aid, ask if other options are available.	
<b>6.</b>	If your student has been waitlisted, he or she should contact the admissions director and express continued interest in the school.	
<b>7.</b>	Your student should notify all colleges of his or her acceptance or rejection of admissions or financial aid offers by May 1 <sup>st</sup> and send a deposit to the chosen college.	

<b>8.</b>	Find out about test dates for placement exams your student's college may require.
<b>9.</b>	Encourage your student to maintain good grades and attendance.
<b>10.</b>	Together, explore summer preparatory programs at the college your student will attend. These programs offer opportunities to take courses for credit and provide skills and information for a successful start to college.
<b>11.</b>	If your student is not admitted to any of the colleges to which he or she applied, see the counselor right away to discuss options.

<b>Summer</b>	
<b>June</b>	<b>July</b>
<b>August</b>	
<b>1.</b>	Your student's final transcript should be sent to the college he or she will attend in the fall
<b>2.</b>	Finalize summer plans.
<b>3.</b>	Help your student prepare for the following school year.
<b>4.</b>	Celebrate your family's hard work and accomplishments!

