

Beverly Hills High School College Monday

What should I be doing now?!? *Timeline for students applying to 4-year colleges*

1. Do I know where I am applying?
 - a. If so, do I have a balanced list of colleges?
 - i. Balanced list (write all of your colleges down, write the selectivity, GPA, test scores (look at scattergrams in Naviance)
 - b. If you don't have a set idea, take a committed amount of time to research more
 - i. College search (use sites like Naviance, Collegexpress, collegevisit.com, Fiske guide to help with search)
 - ii. Attend college representative visits
2. Am I planning on applying early or regular?
 - i. If you are applying early, is it early decision, early action, etc.? It is **IMPORTANT** to know and understand each early policy
3. Do I know the dates and deadlines of the applications?
 - a. Check directly on the colleges' admissions page
 - b. Check for priority scholarship deadlines (*don't miss out on \$\$\$*)
 - c. Make sure if you are applying early, you understand your timeline is moved up!
4. Do I know what is required with each application?
 - a. Letter of recommendation
 - i. Who is going to write my letter of recommendation?
 - b. Essays
 - c. Supplemental essays
 - d. Supplemental materials
 - e. Portfolios
 - f. Interview
5. Where do I apply to each school?
 - a. Common App
 - b. Coalition
 - c. UC Application
 - d. CSU Application
 - e. Directly on the colleges' website
6. Have I had a discussion about Financial Aid with my parents?
 - a. If not, please *ensure* this is a part of your process/decision making
 - b. Use **Net Price Calculators** to determine a **ROUGH** estimate of financial aid packages specific to your university of choice

Notes:

- Make notes of what you could and could not answer
- What information do you need that is missing?
- If I feel stuck what resources do I have or who could I talk to get help?
 - o Ex. Counselor, teacher, reputable online source, friends/family for emotional support