

College Planning Checklist for Seniors

- Discuss college options with your counselor and family
- Create accounts for applications you will be working on. Common Application and Coalition Application are the most common.
- Review essay prompts from all applications. Consider those prompts you may want to select and begin an outline.
- Prepare for all supplementary essay prompts and individual questions from each college.
- Visit college websites to ensure that you are following their individual application instructions.
- Secure transcript release forms and indicate which colleges need to receive them.
- Seek letters of recommendations from teachers, coaches, others.
- Attend college visits on college campuses, hosted locally or meet with college representatives at Cardinal Mooney High School.
- Update your Naviance account to include all colleges you are applying to.
- Register for SAT or ACT tests. Submit tests scores to all colleges you are applying to.
- Maintain high effort in all course work, clubs and activities. Complete your required community service hours.
- Prepare for college interviews if requested or required as part of your application.
- Apply for Financial Aid through the FAFSA website. (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Apply for Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Award money.
- Continue to review available scholarships posted in Naviance, Canvas and those distributed through guidance.