

College Timeline: Junior & Senior Years

This is a general outline of the NWS College Counseling process. In the junior year students receive a more detailed timeline specific to their academic year. This timeline is typical for most US-based colleges.

Junior Year

September – November	Meet with college representatives who visit NWS and Seattle. Juniors can attend college sessions during free periods.
October	Take the PSAT exam.
January	Attend 11th Grade College Night .
January – June	Complete Initial Self-Assessment and schedule an individual appointment with Anna. Appointments with juniors begin after the 11 th Grade College Night.
February – June	Following your initial individual appointment, schedule a family appointment or second individual appointment with Anna.
February	Attend a Researching Colleges Workshop to learn tips on how to research colleges.
February	Take the SAT/ACT Combo Practice Exam and attend the SAT vs ACT Seminar to learn more about testing and which exam might suit your testing style.
February – March	Research summer internships, work, academic/arts programs, and/or service opportunities.
March	Attend the Seattle Spring College Fair .
April	Consider visiting colleges during spring break.
May	Attend SAT Prep class hosted by NWS, if interested. (additional fee)
May – June	Take the SAT, ACT, and/or TOEFL .

Summer between Junior & Senior Year

July	Complete School Letter Self-Assessment to assist your School Letter writer.
Summer	Work on the Common Application, Essay, and Activities Resume' in preparation for fall college applications. Drafts of each item are due in the College Counseling Office in September.
Summer	Do something you love!
Summer	Visit colleges.

Summer International Students: Take the **TOEFL** in your home country. Complete the **Certification of Finances** form and obtain necessary bank documents required by US colleges.

Senior Year

September Turn in **Common Application**, work-in-progress **Essay**, and **Activities Resume'** to the College Counseling Office.

September Complete **Senior Check-In Self-Assessment**.

September Attend **12th Grade College Night**.

September – November Meet with college representatives who visit NWS and Seattle. Seniors must give teachers two days' notice if they are to miss class.

September – November Schedule an **appointment** with Anna to round out and finalize your college list.

September – December Retake **SAT, ACT**, and/or **TOEFL**, if necessary.

October Attend one of numerous College Fairs in the Seattle area:
Seattle National College Fair
Seattle Performing & Visual Arts Fair
SAIS (Seattle Area Independent Schools) College Fair

October – December Attend College Workshops of interest. Typical Workshops include **Interviewing, Essay Writing, International Application Process, Activities Resume**, and **Mock Admissions Committee**. **College Application Work Parties** are also scheduled throughout the fall.

November Attend **College Funding & Financial Aid Night**.

December Turn in **Final Application List** to College Counseling.

December Last recommended month for taking any **SAT, ACT**, and/or **TOEFL** exams.

December Colleges return "early" decisions.

January – April Admission decisions mailed by colleges.

February Complete **Financial Aid forms**.

March – April Financial Aid awards mailed by colleges.

Late April – June Colleges make decisions on Wait List candidates.

May 1 You decide! **National Reply Date** for all US colleges.

May Attend **Transition to College Night**.

June **Graduate from NWS!**