

**GADSDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL
COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR FOR SENIORS
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MAY

Create a resume and turn into Ms. Williams before leaving for the summer. List accomplishments, activities, and work experiences since you started high school. The resume will be used to compile recommendation letters as needed.

JUNE

If you are an athlete planning to continue playing a sport in college, register with the NCAA Clearinghouse (www.ncaaclearinghouse.net).

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER

Narrow your list of colleges. Download college applications and information about scholarships. Plan to visit as many colleges as possible.

Create a master list or calendar that includes:

- Tests you will take – Fees, dates and registration deadlines.
- College application due dates
- Recommendation letters, transcripts, etc.

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

Try to finalize college choices.

Prepare Admission applications as soon as possible.

Ask for teacher recommendations if you need them.

If you're submitting essays, write first drafts and ask teachers and others to read them.

Be sure to contact ACT to have test scores sent to the colleges to which you are applying.

DECEMBER - FEBRUARY

MAJORITY OF SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES ARE DECEMBER 1ST. ALL PAPERWORK AND ANY REQUESTS (TRANSCRIPTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, etc) SHOULD BE TURNED IN NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 6, 2015.

Keep a copy of all applications and essays.

If you apply to colleges online, be sure to have your transcript sent to the college.

Apply online for FAFSA (Federal Student Aid) www.fafsa.ed.gov

MARCH - MAY

No Senioritis!

You should receive acceptance letters and financial aid offers.

Make sure all information has been sent to the college of your choice. Fill out all required documents and paperwork.

Resolve any admissions or financial aid problems, with the college of your choice.

Request a final transcript to be sent to your college