

ECHS 12TH GRADE COLLEGE COUNSELING TIMELINE

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider SAT and/or ACT testing requirements for the school(s) you are considering. Click here for a list of schools who have waived this requirement for this application cycle. (Not required for community college.) See your counselor for test preparation ideas/resources. • If you are considering attending VC next Fall, attend the Virtual Senior Assembly on Sept 17th at 1:00 p.m. • Check your transcript for graduation status and your senior schedule for required coursework. 12th grade should be as rigorous as any other year, and you should strive to earn good grades in every course. • Access your Naviance account to research colleges, majors and applications. Add colleges to your account and pay close attention to the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standardized test (SAT, ACT) requirements • Application due dates • Financial aid due dates and deadlines • Deadlines to send test scores, transcripts, and any other materials to your choice of colleges • Letter(s) of Recommendation requirements • IF your colleges require a letter of recommendation, ask your counselor and teacher(s) directly if they would be willing to write them. If so, add them to Naviance. Here is video to help. • If you intend to apply to any college EARLY, watch THIS. Even if you do not intend to apply early, you can begin the application process. • Attend college representative virtual visits at. Information is available in Naviance and the ECHS Rep Visits & Events. • Research scholarship opportunities via Naviance, the Local Scholarships or your colleges of choice and, if you meet the application criteria, APPLY! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend VC Info session 10/16 at 1 pm. • Attend virtual college visits. • Continue college research, add colleges to your college list in Naviance with accurate type (regular/early/rolling) of application. If a college accepts the Common Application, indicate if you are "Applying via Common App." <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Go to college websites and review admission requirements, application deadlines, fees and financial aid information. Determine if these schools will need official copies of your transcript at the time you apply. Common App schools typically DO need transcripts, and UC/CSU schools typically do NOT require transcripts until June (but some require them sooner...pay attention to your UC/CSU Portal(s). • Start your UC, VC and/or CSU applications. Remember: You are a FRESHMAN applicant, regardless of how many college credits you've earned so far. • If you are applying to any college that requires a letter of recommendation, complete the Brag Sheet Survey in Naviance. It's under the About Me tab as a survey. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If applying early, send in any "early decision" or "early action" applications by the stated deadlines. Some schools have "rolling admissions," so you may be able to submit your application early, if you are ready. • If you are an athlete, and plan to play a sport in college, register for NCAA or NAIA. • Continue to apply for scholarships. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maybe consider unigo.com as one scholarship resource. • Register for AP exams, if this applies to you. <p>Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form is available and may be sent any time after October 1st. at www.fafsa.ed.gov. GET IT DONE EARLY as some financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis or from programs with limited funds.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend VC Info session 11/20 at 1 pm. • Take SAT (if still needed) and send scores to all colleges to which you will apply. For CSU, use code 3594 to send SAT scores to CSU Mentor/ALL CSU campuses. For UC, if you send official SAT scores to one UC campus, UC will share with ALL UC campuses. • Finalize your list of "colleges I'm applying to" with accurate type of application. If the college accepts the Common Application, indicate if you are "Applying via Common App." • Before Nov.30, request required letters of recommendation, complete brag survey and connect your Naviance account to your Common App account (if you are applying to any Common App schools) and turn in paper FERPA (if needed) for any non-Common App schools that require letters of recommendation. • Send in UC and CSU applications as early in the month as possible and prior to the 11/30 deadline. • Keep your grades up. Colleges do look at first term and year-end grades. • Continue to complete applications, observing all deadlines and instructions. • Complete and submit your VCCF scholarship application. • If required, request official transcripts via the Registrar to be mailed. Don't forget to request to have your Ventura College transcript sent to your prospective schools as well. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take SAT or ACT with writing (if still needed) LAST ADMINISTRATION ACCEPTED BY MANY COLLEGES! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you haven't already done so, send official SAT and ACT test scores to all colleges to which you are applying. • Schedule visits to campuses and schedule any required interviews. • Complete and submit any college applications with December deadlines. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate the Financial Aid process and prepare whatever documents you may need. • Fill out the CSS Profile if you applied to any of the participating colleges. • If you have applied to any schools for early decision, you may receive decisions during this month. When you decide which school to attend, you need to notify that school by letter of your commitment, and submit required deposit check. This is typically done in your college portal. Many schools require this notification letter to be marked "sent" as early as mid-January for early decision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Financial Aid applications (FAFSA or Dream Act) • Submit any college applications and supporting documents for January deadlines. • Complete any additional financial aid applications for your school(s) of choice. Check your college portals for details. • If required, fill out <i>Mid-Year Report</i> reports and request transcripts from the ECHS and VC office to be sent to your prospective school(s). • If you are a male, over 18, you must register with the Selective Service or you will not be eligible for financial aid. • Continue to look for scholarships via Naviance, Local Scholarships or Fastweb, etc.



FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that colleges have received all your information and inquire about housing. • Some college acceptance letters may arrive. Update your admissions status in your college list in Naviance. This video may help you understand our financial aid award letter. • If you completed the FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR). Review, make any necessary corrections and return it to the FAFSA processor. If you completed the FAFSA using estimated parent tax information but now they have filed IRS forms, the FAFSA must be updated. The schools listed on your application will also receive those results. Review your results and make any necessary corrections. • Continue to look for scholarships, watch due dates. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If applying to any community college, go to school website for application and sign up for community college placement tests (if you haven't done this yet) • Submit tax forms to the Financial Aid Office of colleges who request them. • Contact colleges with any new information or if you have had a schedule change or D or F grade. • Watch for Student Aid Report (SAR) to arrive, giving amount of student aid for which you are eligible. Make sure your colleges receive it. Keep the original. • Continue to prepare for AP exams. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive admission decisions from all colleges to which you applied. From those schools that accept you, compare your acceptance letters and your financial aid and scholarship offers. • Decide where you want to go, by (re)visiting if possible, reviewing cost, and attending online information meetings. • Wait-listed? Write letter of interest and ask for help. Most colleges decide in July. DENIED? You can appeal, but FOLLOW THE EXACT INSTRUCTIONS on the college website! • Make your acceptance choice. Find out what deposits you will be required to make to ensure your place. • When you decide which school to attend, you need to notify that school by letter of your commitment/intent and submitting required deposit check. Many schools require this notification letter to be submitted by May 1. • Submit applications to community college and attend orientation. • Check your college(s) portal for important messages. • Continue to look for scholarships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Send deposit to selected college by May 1. Sign and return financial award. • Fill out loan applications. • If required, take the UC – Entry Level Writing or Math exam. • If required, CSU placement exams. • Complete the Senior Survey in Naviance! • Fill out housing forms, if available. • Start looking for a summer job – you may need the money! • Take Advanced Placement exams, if applicable. • If you were placed on a waiting list for a particular school, and you decided to wait for an opening, contact that school and let them know you are still interested. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to work toward earning good grades (“senioritis” even now could negatively affect your admission status). • Pay attention to deadlines for fees including tuition, room, and board. • Request a final transcript from the registrar and VC to be sent to the school you will be attending. • If you will be a student athlete for NCAA or NAIA, request to send official transcript to NCAA or NAIA. • Attend all advising days, open houses, orientation programs, and registration offered by your college. • Send thank you notes for any scholarships you have received. <div data-bbox="1633 743 1955 1019" data-label="Image"> </div>