

Senior Timeline

FALL

- Talk to your counselor to confirm your schedule for Dual Enrollment classes, if you applied.
- Attend the Financial Aid meeting in August at MPHS.
- Attend a senior conference with your guidance counselor to discuss your transcript and requirements for graduation.
- Register for TN Promise at www.TNPromise.gov . (Deadline: November 2, 2015)
- Know the ACT* and/or SAT administration dates. Register online by the deadline if you are going to take them. See www.actstudent.org or www.collegeboard.com
- Be sure to have your ACT test scores sent to the colleges for which you are applying.
- Make a list of your college choices. For each college on your list, note:
 - Confirm you meet the requirements for the college you apply to such as GPA and ACT score
 - Application due date and fee*
 - Required financial aid forms and deadlines
 - Other materials needed (recommendation, transcripts, etc.)
 - Scholarship application and deadline
- Ask a teacher or counselor for recommendation if needed, **10-14 days** in advance. Complete a Senior Profile Information Sheet to give to person you are requesting recommendation from. (pick up in Guidance) Be sure to include any college forms required with your portion of the form filled out completely and accurately.
- Get started on any essays to be included with your applications. Ask teachers and others to read and give feedback.
- Complete a Transcript Request Form in the Guidance Office to have your transcript sent.
- Most early decision and early action applications are due between October 1st and November 1st.
 - Early Decision allows you to apply early and get an admission decision from the college in advance of the usual notification date. Early decision plans are “binding”, meaning if you apply as an early decision candidate you agree to attend the college if it accepts you and offers an adequate financial aid package.

*If you have difficulty paying a testing or application fee, see your school counselor about getting a fee waiver.

*Although you can apply to only **one college** for early decision, you may apply to other colleges under regular admission.*

- Early Action plans are similar to early decision plans in that you can learn early in admission cycle (usually in January or February) whether a college has accepted you. But, unlike early decision, most early action plans are not binding, meaning you do NOT have to commit to a college to which you've applied for early action. Under these plans, you may apply to other colleges. Usually, you can let the college know of your decision in the late spring or whenever you've decided.
- Submit your college admission applications. Check them over thoroughly and have someone else review for errors. (Be sure to keep a copy)

WINTER

- Work on scholarship applications and mail according to deadlines. Check out the MPHS website for links to scholarships and resources on the student/parent tab.
- Ask your parents to complete their income tax forms as soon as possible in anticipation of financial aid applications.
- Complete and submit your college financial aid application and the FAFSA between January 1st-February 15th. Got to: www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Keep an eye out for financial aid workshops. A FAFSA workshop will be held at MPHS on February 11th from 4-7 pm. Columbia State will also offer FAFSA workshops.
- Complete CSCC Scholarship application, if applicable. Deadline: March 15, 2016
- Register with the Selective Services if you are a male, U.S. citizen, 18 yrs. of age. (www.sss.gov)
- Attend the 1st **mandatory** meeting for TN Promise on **January 27th, 3pm at MPHS.**
- Submit your application to CSCC early January. The earlier you apply, the earlier you will be able to attend orientation giving you the best class selection.
- Contact the admissions office and financial aid office of the college/s to which you have applied to confirm all of your information has been received and that they have everything they need from you.

SPRING

- Attend the 2nd **mandatory** meeting for TN Promise on **March 17th, 3pm at MPHS.**
- You will probably hear from the college/s as to whether or not you are accepted by April 15th.

- When you decide on a college, notify them by mailing your commitment deposit check. Be sure to check any deadlines that may apply.
- Request a final transcript, in the Guidance office, to be sent to the college of your choice before you graduate.
- Participate in any orientation programs for incoming freshmen,
- Complete 8 hrs. of community service by August 1st to qualify for TN Promise.
- Know what you have to do to maintain or reapply for any scholarships you received.