

SOUTH KORTRIGHT

Senior Information and Timeline

What should I do this summer to prepare for my senior year?

- * **Visit** schools with your parents
- * **Set up appointments** with Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Support Services and EOP Offices
- * **Tour** the campus, see dorm rooms, suites, and townhouses, and **eat** in a dining hall
- * **Research** your interests- what do you want to do in the future?
- * **Research** schools that have courses and programs that interest you, be **realistic**- location, size of school, majors offered, admission criteria
- * **Search** general scholarships online
- * Begin **narrowing** down to 4-6 you would like to apply to in the fall
- * Compile a list of extracurricular activities, clubs, and sports that you have participated in. All honors, award achievements, work and volunteer experiences should also be included.

Senior Year Timeline

During your senior year at SK you will be enrolled in a class called Senior Transitions every other day. This class offers 1/2 a credit towards graduation. Throughout this class you will have the opportunity to apply to schools, work on scholarships, and have assistance and support through your entire senior year.

In the fall:

- *Apply to schools- you should enter senior year with a fairly good idea of where you want to apply and what you would be interested in majoring in.
- *Meet with your Guidance Counselor to go over your schedule, and be aware of any needed courses, credits or Regents to be eligible for graduation
- *Register for and retake the SAT
- *Compile a folder of letters of recommendation for college admission and scholarships
- *Attend college and career fairs when offered
- *Visit schools with College Access Program and SK
- *Meet with admissions counselors at SK when scheduled
- *Attend open houses at colleges you have interest in





Preparing for college:

- * Be sure you continue **working hard** throughout your senior year- this is an important time
- * College acceptances can be **revoked** by failing classes, Regents, and not obtaining credits needed
- * **Keep all materials** from colleges that you have applied to in separate folders at home
- * **Build rapport** with teachers and staff and ask for **positive** letters of recommendation- both for admission applications as well as scholarship applications
- * **Attend** all sessions at SK for additional information throughout the year

In the winter:

- * Sign up for a PIN Number for FAFSA- **Parents and students** will need a PIN number
- * File FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1st
- * Have your parents file taxes as soon as they receive their W-2s. The faster taxes are filed, the better. Grant money goes quickly, the general rule of thumb with any financial aid is- **the sooner the better!**
- * Research scholarships and financial aid
- * Attend financial aid nights at SK with financial aid counselors from area colleges

In the spring:

- * Apply for scholarships, LOTS of scholarships!
- * Keep an eye out for acceptance letters from schools you applied to
- * Compare award letters from colleges with your parents and Guidance Counselor
- * Choose what school you want to attend by May 1st
- * Research scholarship opportunities at the school you choose to attend
- * Sign up and attend open house at your school of choice, if you have not already visited
- * Sign up and attend orientations- this could occur throughout the summer following graduation as well

