



# Sterling High School

## CLASS OF 2024 SENIOR CHECKLIST: How to Prepare for Your Post High School Plan



### August

Review high school transcript and graduation requirements

Contact counselor to make sure you are on track for graduation

### September

Senior Orientation: receive presentation/information for post high school planning

Log in to Naviance: research colleges, majors, & careers

Begin working on college application list and update this on Naviance under colleges I'm applying to

Make note of Early Decision Dates (usually first few weeks of November) and notify counselor

Create Common App account: [www.commonapp.org/](http://www.commonapp.org/)

Check to see if the colleges you are interested in accept applications through Common App

Complete FERPA waiver in Common app, and then match your account in Naviance under colleges I'm applying to

Check colleges for upcoming presentations, virtual tours

### October

Continue working on list of applications in Naviance

- Letters of Recommendation
  - Think of at least 3 people to ask for a letter of recommendation (teacher, counselor, administrator, coach, employer)
  - Ask counselor for letter of recommendation request (also known as brag sheet)
  - Give letter of recommendation request to 3 people; *give 2-3 week notice before your deadline*
  - Request letter from 3 people in Naviance- click on colleges I'm applying to, click on letters of recommendation section, click on drop down menu add request (all staff members will appear)

**Date TBD**– attend Financial Aid Night

### November

Check early decision deadlines

**November 4, 2023**- SAT @ Sterling

Begin filling out community colleges/ vocational schools applications

Make appointment with recruiter if considering military, inform counselor

### December - January

**December 2, 2023**- Final opportunity to take/retake SAT

Continue working on college, community college applications

Begin to apply for scholarships, research scholarships on Naviance under scholarships tab, Sterling website

Let your counselor know when and where you've been accepted

### February - March

Continue to apply for scholarships

Community college- complete application, make arrangements to take placement test

Mid-year Common App Reports; provide counselor with a list of schools that require mid-year reports

Application decisions sent out by schools now through April

Let your counselor know when and where you've been accepted

### April - May

Take time to tour campuses where you have applied; in person or virtually

**May 1, 2024**- National College Decision Day; Let your counselor know when and where you've been accepted

### June

Final days at Sterling- prepare for finals, clear holds (pay fines, return tablets & books)

Request final transcripts to be sent to your school of choice

**June 14, 2024**- Graduation

**June 30, 2024**- FAFSA due

### IMPORTANT LINKS

#### CAMDEN COUNTY COLLEGE:

<https://www.camdencc.edu/admissions-financial-aid/>

#### COLLEGE BOARD:

<https://www.collegeboard.org/>

#### COMMON APP:

<https://www.commonapp.org/>

#### FAFSA:

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

#### NAVIANCE:

<https://student.naviance.com/sterlinghs>

### Congratulations & Good luck!

