College Timeline: Junior & Senior Years

This is a general outline of the NWS College Counseling process. In the junior year students receive a more detailed timeline specific to their academic year. This timeline is typical for most US-based colleges.

**Junior Year**

**September – November**
Meet with college representatives who visit NWS and Seattle. Juniors can attend college sessions during free periods.

**October**
Take the PSAT exam.

**January**
Attend 11th Grade College Night.

**January – June**
Complete Initial Self-Assessment and schedule an individual appointment with Peter or Morgan. Appointments with juniors begin after the 11th Grade College Night.

**February – June**
Following your initial individual appointment, schedule a family appointment or second individual appointment with Peter or Morgan.

**February**
Attend a Researching Colleges Workshop to learn tips on how to research colleges.

**February**
Take the SAT/ACT Combo Practice Exam and attend the SAT vs ACT Seminar to learn more about testing and which exam might suit your testing style.

**February – March**
Research summer internships, work, academic/arts programs, and/or service opportunities.

**March**
Attend the Seattle Spring College Fair.

**April**
Consider visiting colleges during spring break.

**May**
Attend SAT Prep class hosted by NWS, if interested. (additional fee)

**May – June**
Take the SAT, ACT, and/or TOEFL.

**Summer between Junior & Senior Year**

**July**
Complete School Letter Self-Assessment to assist your School Letter writer.

**Summer**
Work on the Common Application, Essay, and Activities Resume’ in preparation for fall college applications. Drafts of each item are due in the College Counseling Office in September.

**Summer**
Do something you love!

**Summer**
Visit colleges.
Summer
International Students: Take the TOEFL in your home country. Complete the Certification of Finances form and obtain necessary bank documents required by US colleges.

Senior Year

September
Turn in Common Application, work-in-progress Essay, and Activities Resume' to the College Counseling Office.

September
Complete Senior Check-In Self-Assessment.

September
Attend 12th Grade College Night.

September – November
Meet with college representatives who visit NWS and Seattle. Seniors must give teachers two days' notice if they are to miss class.

September – November
Schedule an appointment with Peter or Morgan to round out and finalize your college list.

September – December
Retake SAT, ACT, and/or TOEFL, if necessary.

October
Attend one of numerous College Fairs in the Seattle area:
  - Seattle National College Fair
  - Seattle Performing & Visual Arts Fair
  - SAIS (Seattle Area Independent Schools) College Fair

October – December
Attend College Workshops of interest. Typical Workshops include Interviewing, Essay Writing, International Application Process, Activities Resume, and Mock Admissions Committee. College Application Work Parties are also scheduled throughout the fall.

November
Attend College Funding & Financial Aid Night.

December
Turn in Final Application List to College Counseling.

December
Last recommended month for taking any SAT, ACT, and/or TOEFL exams.

December
Colleges return “early” decisions.

January – April
Admission decisions mailed by colleges.

February
Complete Financial Aid forms.

March – April
Financial Aid awards mailed by colleges.

Late April – June
Colleges make decisions on Wait List candidates.

May 1
You decide! National Reply Date for all US colleges.

May
Attend Transition to College Night.

June
Graduate from NWS!