



The STEM Academy at Showalter

"Unlocking Young Minds for the Future"

SENIOR YEAR

September

- Use a planner to keep track of college-related dates (see Tracking Worksheet located under the Applying to College Tab on the STEM career and college website).
- Meet with your guidance counselor to finalize your list of colleges.
- Go back to the teachers you asked to write your letters of recommendation for you. Give them any materials they need and let them know of any early application due dates. If you have not asked teachers to write your recommendation letters, do so now.
- Check the front lobby marquis for college visits. Plan to attend any sessions with colleges that you are likely applying to. Create a list of questions to ask.
- Visit college campuses, if you have not already had the chance to do so.
- Register for the fall or winter SAT or ACT if you would like to improve your scores.
- Fill out admissions applications.
- Continue to work on your application essays.

October/November

- Take the SAT or ACT, if applicable.
- Continue to visit your potential colleges, if possible.
- Continue to meet with college reps at STEM. Also consider attending a college fair.
- Register for the winter SAT or ACT if you would like to improve your scores.
- Prepare final drafts of your application essay.
- Check all application deadlines and submit your materials on time. Use the College Application Tracking Worksheet to stay organized.
- Request transcripts to be sent to your colleges from your counselor by e-mail. Remember counselors require **48 hours** notice to send out transcripts.
- Follow up with colleges by checking your application portal to make sure all early action or early decision application materials have been received.
- Remind teachers of early deadlines for applications, if applicable.
- See your counselor to get application fee waivers for your college applications.
- Make copies of all documents you send through the mail or submit online. Keep organized files.

December

- Take the SAT or ACT, if applicable.
- Remind teachers of deadlines for submitting your college recommendations for regular admission.
- Request transcripts for any regular decision applications. Remember counselors require **48 hours** notice to send out transcripts to send out transcripts.

January/February

- Continue to meet application deadlines.
- Confirm that all of your application materials have been received by each school to which you applied by checking your application portals.
- Write thank you notes to the teachers who wrote recommendations on your behalf.

April

- Maintain organized files of all admissions correspondence that you receive.
- Provide a copy of each letter of admission to your school counselors.
- Make sure that you accept an offer of admission before May 1st, and send in any required deposits and paperwork.

May/June

- Take AP exams, if applicable, and request that your scores be sent to the college that you will be attending.
- Make sure your counselor sends your final transcript to your selected college.
- Graduate!