



Advice For The Class of 2018

Be Pragmatic & Practical. Understand the importance of the exams in your admissions timeline, but keep your anxieties in check and do not buy into the hype or fear and loathing of others around you. This is a necessary part of your application package, so understand your options, and make it work for you. This will account for at least 1/3 of your college application-admission exam score, transcripts/GPA, extra curricular/sports/honors/awards, and your application essay. Your GPA and your extra curricular activities you have been working on for years - now is the time to boost both. Volunteer, intern, join groups, and keep your academics first ALL year this year. Your exam score will take at least 6-9 weeks to prepare for, and you should plan on taking it for the last time in the early fall (Aug/Sept/Oct), before your applications are due. Take a deep breath, remain calm, and know that you will do fine.

Stay Focused & Engaged. Senior year will be a challenging year. Stay grounded, stay focused, and do not let it overwhelm you. With a plan in place, you will leave your senior year bound for college! Stay engaged - no "senioritis" allowed! Proper planning will lead to future success.

Plan & Prepare! Know your deadlines and set attainable goals for your senior year. Plan your calendar, work out dates, birthdays, family events, social events, etc...into your timeline, along with your final SAT/ACT exam sitting, college application deadlines, and financial aid deadlines.

1. If using the SAT for admissions, we advise preparing and taking your final exam in August (or October, if application deadlines allow).
2. If using the ACT for admissions, we advise preparing and taking your final exam in September (or October, if application deadlines allow).

Be Resilient. There will be setbacks and unexpected distractions, don't let them knock you down! Have a plan in place and adjust accordingly as you maneuver through your senior year. Preparing for college is hard work and involves some frustration and disappointments - Don't let them derail you. Grow into your potential with thoughtful and realistic planning. Remain confident in your long term goals and aspirations - They will develop and form as you work through your senior year and complete your admissions process.

We are here to help you navigate the entire college process - Be in touch!

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