

Riverview IB: College Timeline 2021-2022

- Continue to research all colleges of interest. Gather information about academics, campus life and financial aid opportunities. Use *Naviance Student* through your My SIS login.
- Narrow your college list to 6-8 schools (2 selective, 3 target, 3 likely). Only apply to schools you are willing *and* able to attend. This is a suggested maximum; you needn't apply to this many and most Riverview students do not.
- Create a checklist for test scores, essays, recommendations, financial aid applications, and deadlines for each college to which you are applying.
- Register for fall SAT, SAT subject area and/or ACT if appropriate.
- Most applications open in August. You should begin Early Action/Early Decision as well as all Florida public university applications (please see below).
- If applying to Florida Public universities:
 - We prefer students use the **COMMON APPLICATION**
 - A transcript will be sent home in September in order for you to complete the Self-Reported Academic Record component of the UF and FSU applications (SSAR).
 - Florida public universities do not accept letters of recommendation.
 - Other State University campuses use *priority rolling* admissions plans. Apply early. While essay prompts will likely remain the same as last year, you may wish to wait.
- If applying to private colleges/universities and many out of state public universities you should use the Common Application www.commonapp.org. The 2020 application cycle for the *CommonApp* opens for submission on August 1st.
 - Think about the teachers you might ask to write letters of recommendation (two are usually required). Make initial requests in person. You will then request electronically through *Naviance* (additional directions to follow in mid-August).
- If you need to, make an appointment with Dr. Minor, Ms. Hu, or Ms. Donehew to review your transcript, test scores, extracurricular activities and to discuss college questions and plans.

TIMELINE

January – March, 2021: Utilizing Naviance and the Super Match process, begin researching colleges and universities that fit your interests, profile, and meet the likely, good fit, and reach categories.

January – June, 2021: Meet and/or chat with Dr. Minor, Ms. Hu, or Ms. Donehew as you refine your college list.

March – July, 2021: Plan on visiting colleges and universities in-person or virtually to explore academic programs, campus life, financial offerings, etc...

August, 2021: Begin apply to colleges via the Common Application

October, 2021

- **October 1st** – *The Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA) opens. File as early as possible for full grant and scholarship consideration.
- **October 12th Transcript Request Deadline** for Early Action/Early Decision applicants. Transcript Request (Distributed September 14) (Transcript Request Forms must be submitted to Dr. Minor's office (5-307).
- Early Teacher recommendation requests must also be made through Naviance by the 10/12 **Transcript Request EA/ED** deadline.

- You are strongly encouraged to complete and submit all EA/ED applications well ahead of the October 15th/November 1st deadlines.
- Complete all Florida “rolling admissions” applications as early as possible (note priority scholarship deadlines).
- Please note the University of Florida and Florida State University early deadlines (11/1).
- Once you have applied to your college go to *Naviance* and confirm by checking “I have submitted my application.”
- File the *CSS Financial Aid Profile* if required by your college(s).

November-December, 2021

- **November 1st- UF and FSU deadlines for completion of the *Coalition Application*** Complete and submit your Application. The Self-Reported Academic Record (SSAR) must also be completed by 11/1 for FSU and 12/1 for UF). Do not miss these deadlines!
- **December 12th - Transcript Request Deadline for Regular Decision applications** (Final application list must be received for **ALL** colleges). *Requests after this date must be discussed with guidance and will NOT receive priority or preferential support.* [I](#)
- Work on remaining Regular Decision college applications, essay(s), and required supplements. Complete and submit January 1st Regular Decision applications early and in all cases by Winter Break.
- Request SAT/ACT send your Official Score Reports to the schools to your colleges.

January-February, 2022

- **January 1st** Deadline for most Regular Decision applications (and a number of EDII).
- Once you have applied to your college go to *Family Connection* and confirm by checking “I have submitted my application”.
- Make sure you are on track to earn 100 Service Hours for Bright Futures. These hours should be documented through Managebac. The IB office will report those hours to the Registrars on June 1, 2022.
- Complete and submit Mid-Year Report forms to Guidance for transmittal to colleges.
- Continue exploring scholarship databases (see *Family Connection*). Many local, community and private scholarships open at this time.

March-April, 2022

- Decision letters begin to arrive. Most Regular Decision notification dates occur in late March, early April. Review and compare offers.
- Avoid “senior slump” and maintain grades. College offers can be rescinded.
- Deadline to notify colleges and send all deposits for tuition and housing is May 1st.
- Enter decisions and scholarship awards on *Naviance*.
- Make certain you have received the FAFSA acknowledgment and Student Aid Report.
- Notify all other colleges to which you were accepted that you will not be attending.

May, 2022

- **May 1st** – National College Decision Day! Deadline to select the College you will attend and pay deposit.
- **May 15th** - Completed Community Service forms must be turned into guidance.
- Fill out senior College Acceptance survey card and return to Dr Minor. Enter all acceptance/rejection information into *Naviance*.

- Write thank you notes to all who assisted you with your college application process