

# Senior Year Guidance Info. – Class of 2022

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## College/Career Readiness Timeline for 2021-2022 School Year

(Use the resources provide by *Calvary Christian Academy* – [the CCA Guidance Page](#))

- **General CCA Graduation Guidelines** are...

- 4 Bible (1 credit each year enrolled in CCA)
- 4 English
- 4 Math (Algebra I, Geometry, and 2 more at or above Algebra I level)
- 3 Science (2 with substantial lab)\*
- 3 Social Studies (½ Government, ½ Economics, 1 World History, & 1 U.S. History)
- 1 Performing or Fine Art (Art, Band, Chorus, Drama, etc.)
- 1 Physical Education (including health element)
- 4 Electives – College Admissions requirements include 2 consecutive credits of a foreign/world language

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**24 TOTAL CREDITS** (should include at least 1 **completely online course** – NOT Driver's Education)

*\*State requirement is only 3 sciences but a 4<sup>th</sup> science may be needed for some career paths.*

## NOW

- Register for the [ACT](#) and/or [College Board SAT](#) if you have not done so. All seniors need to take one of them before graduation.
- Request **letters of recommendation** for colleges from teachers and/or principal.
- Visit college campuses** and interview with college admissions representatives.
- Request applications from all the schools to which you might apply.** (Create an account with [The Common Application](#) or the [Coalition Application](#) if the colleges you've selected use them.)
- Pay attention to deadlines.
- Create a high school résumé.
- Research **financial aid and scholarships.**
  - Gather **financial aid information** (consult [FastWeb](#), [College Board](#), and/or [Go College](#)).
  - **Continue to research scholarships** (consult [Florida Shines](#), [Cappex](#), and/or [Chegg](#)).
  - Use the scholarship searches in the [CCA Guidance webpages](#).
  - Do your parents' places of employment offer college scholarships for employee children?
- Get your **college essay** in shape. Get feedback on your writing from an English teacher.
- If desired, apply for **Federal Aid** at [FAFSA](#) (*Selective Service registration is part of the process*). – Review the **Student Aid Report** (SAR) for accuracy. Errors can cost you thousands of dollars.
- Apply for [Florida Financial Aid](#) asap.

## April

- Attend the **Senior Seminar** (*during Achievement Test Week*).
- Take advantage of **college fairs and virtual tours**.
- Request your **high school transcript and check it for accuracy**.
- Don't let your grades slide**. It's easy to be distracted from schoolwork when working on applications. *"Senioritis"* can be disastrous for your admissions chances. (Colleges WILL revoke admission offers if grades take a nosedive this semester)
- Contact colleges** that didn't send you a confirmation receipt for your application
- If you have ruled out any colleges that accepted you, notify them.** (This is a courtesy to other applicants, and it will help the colleges manage their waitlists and extend the correct number of acceptance letters.)
- Go to **accepted student open houses** if offered.

## May - June

- Turn in any final community service hours** to the School Office. (Only turn in copies of community service hour log sheets. Keep the originals.)
- Most schools have a deposit deadline of **May 1st. Don't be late!**
- If using the FAFSA, make sure it is completed by May 15 (State of Florida deadline).**
- Last chance to re-take the **ACT** and/or **College Board SAT**.
- Request a final high school transcript to be sent to your college (records request forms will be available in the school office).**
- Send thank you letters** to everyone who helped you in the application process. Let your mentors and recommenders know the results of your college search.
- Keep on top of procuring student loans.** Notify your college if you receive any scholarships.
- Graduate. Congratulations!**

## July - August after Senior Year

- Read all mailings from your college or trade school carefully.** Often important registration and housing material is sent in the summer.
- Register for your classes as soon as possible.** Classes often fill, and registration is usually on a first-come, first-served basis.
- If you get your housing assignment, **take advantage of the summer to get to know your roommate** (email, facebook, phone, etc.). **Figure out who will bring what.**

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## Testing:

1. **SAT vs. ACT** – Most colleges accept either one. Check with individual colleges you are considering to see if they have a preference. (Remember that Bright Futures *super-scores*, taking **ONLY** your **best** subtests.)
  2. **SAT & ACT Scores to Consider**
    - [Bright Futures Academic Scholar](#)
      - **SAT 1290** (Math & Critical Reading – *not including WRITING*)
      - **ACT 29** (*not including WRITING*)
    - [Bright Futures Medallion Scholar](#)
      - **SAT 1170** (Math & Critical Reading – *not including WRITING*)
      - **ACT 26** (*not including WRITING*)
    - Mid-Range Average scores for **State University System Admissions** are: **SAT (Critical Reading, Math, & Writing) 1450-2090 Combined** or **ACT (English, Math, Reading, Science, & Writing) 20-32 Composite** (*Remediation may be required if scores do not meet the minimum level.*)
  3. Have your senior take **either** the **ACT** or **SAT** at **least twice** by the end of their senior year.
  4. All of our seniors must take one or the other in order to **receive a diploma** (not to walk at graduation).
  5. Look for opportunities to take **ACT** or **SAT** Test Prep. Workshops if possible. (*Costs range from \$100 up.*)
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### ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Registration)
September 11, 2021	August 6	September 3
October 23, 2021	September 17	October 15
December 11, 2021	November 5	December 3
February 12, 2022	January 7	February 4
April 2, 2022	February 25	March 25
June 11, 2022	May 6	June 3
July 16, 2022	June 17	July 8

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### SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Registration)
August 28, 2021	July 28	August 15
October 2, 2021	September 2	September 20
November 6, 2021	October 6	October 24
December 4, 2021	November 4	November 22
March 12, 2022	February 12	February 23
May 7, 2022	April 8	April 26
June 4, 2022	May 6	May 17

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