



**GREENSBORO DAY SCHOOL**

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# COLLEGE PLANNING CALENDAR 2021-2022

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## AUGUST

### August 19

First Day of Classes

### August 19-27

Add/Drop period for all-year and fall semester classes

### August 28

SAT Exam

## SEPTEMBER

### September 3

Last day to register for October SAT: [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

### September 8

Senior Sweets 7:15 pm  
(Senior College Night)

### September 11

ACT Exam

### September 17

Last day to register for October ACT: [ACT.org](http://ACT.org)

### September 24th

Senior College Visit Day

### September 29

Scholarship and Financial Aid Seminar 7:00 pm (virtual)

## OCTOBER

### October 1

FAFSA open for submission  
[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

CSS Profile

[cssprofile.collegeboard.org](http://cssprofile.collegeboard.org)

### October 2

SAT Exam (ideal final test for a senior)

### October 5

Junior Jumpstart I 7:00 pm

### October 8

Last day to register for November SAT: [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

### October 13

PSAT Exam

### October 15

Early Action Deadline for UNC, USC (South Carolina), UGA

### October 20

Quarterly Coffee with College Counselors 8:30 am (virtual)

### October 23

ACT Exam

## NOVEMBER

### November 1

Early Decision/Early Action Deadline (most colleges)

### November 4

Last day to register for December SAT (Juniors urged to register): [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

### November 5

Last day to register for December ACT (Juniors urged to register): [ACT.org](http://ACT.org)

### November 6

SAT Exam

### November 14

SAT/ACT prep (optional)  
Presented by Next Level Prep

### November 15

SAT/ACT prep (optional)

### November 21

SAT/ACT prep (optional)

### November 22

SAT/ACT prep (optional)

### November 28

SAT/ACT prep (optional)

### November 29

SAT/ACT prep (optional)

### November 30

Juniors start scheduling appointments with your College Counselor

## DECEMBER

### December 4

SAT Exam  
(all Juniors take the Exam)

### December 7

PSAT scores released

### December 7

Quarterly Coffee with College Counselors 8:30 am (virtual)

### December 11

ACT Exam  
(all Juniors take the Exam)

### December 15

Early Decision/Early Action notifications begin

### December 20 - Jan 3

Winter Break  
(visit colleges if possible)

## JANUARY

### January 1

Regular Decision Deadline

### January 4

Second Semester Begins

### January 7

Last day to register for February ACT: [ACT.org](http://ACT.org)

### January 15

Early Decision 2 Deadline

## FEBRUARY

### February 2

Junior Jumpstart II 7:00 pm (virtual)

### February 11

Last day to register for March SAT: [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

### February 12

ACT Exam

### February 15

Early Decision 2 notifications begin

### February 15

Quarterly Coffee with College Counselors 8:30 am (virtual)

### February 25

Last day to register for April ACT: [ACT.org](http://ACT.org)

## MARCH

### March 9

10th Grade College Night 7:00 pm

### March 12

SAT Exam

### March 30

8th and 9th Grades College Night 7:00 pm

## APRIL

### April 1

Last day for Regular Decision notification

### April 2

ACT Exam

### April 8

Last day to register for May SAT: [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

### April 11 - 15

Spring Break  
(visit colleges if possible)

### April 21

Quarterly Coffee with College Counselors 8:30 am (virtual)

## MAY

### May 1

Final day to pay security deposit

### May 2 - 6

First week of AP Testing

### May 5

Last day to register for June SAT: [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

### May 6

Last day to register for June ACT: [ACT.org](http://ACT.org)

### May 8

SAT Exam

### May 9 - 13

Second week of AP Testing

### May 27

Graduation

## JUNE

### June 4

SAT Exam

### June 11

ACT Exam



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## A GREAT COLLEGE IS...

### 1. ONE WHERE YOU CAN GET IN.

I'm not suggesting that any school that wouldn't admit you simply isn't a good choice. But much as a romantic interest isn't your soul mate if the interest isn't returned, a college isn't a truly great choice unless it's one that admits you. Make sure the bulk of your list is comprised of schools that will say yes.

### 2. ONE WHERE YOU CAN BE HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL.

I know this means looking into the future. But if you approach your college selection process with this metric in mind, you'll move past things like rankings, what your friends tell you, and other factors that don't actually measure the quality of a college for you.

### 3. ONE THAT YOU CAN AFFORD.

You don't know for sure whether or not you can afford a college until your financial aid package arrives. But as I've written before, affordability is part of fit. And a strong argument can be made that a college isn't a great college for you if you end up taking on debt that will take you 30 years to pay off after you graduate.

Put another way, if you can't get in, if you won't be happy and successful once you're there, and/or if you can't pay for it, it's not a great college. It might still earn a place on your list. But approaching your college search with these three elements in mind will ensure that you end up with plenty of great college options from which to choose.

*From the Collegewise blog*

## GRADES MATTER, BUT SO DO OTHER THINGS...

- Establish a relationship with your advisors and teachers; everything you do in school gives teachers content for their letters of recommendation
- Check in with your college counselor
- Visit your Naviance account frequently
- Report your story and update your Naviance resume
- Schedule college visits in-person and online
- Have honest conversations with your parents about what you want in a school
- Get involved with activities that you feel passionate about
- Read, ask questions and take notes
- Challenge yourself to go beyond your comfort zone
- HAVE FUN!**