

SENIOR YEAR CALENDAR

Periodically

- Visit Naviance Family Connection weekly for updates – www.connection.naviance.com/mountainvista
 - Weekly news updates
 - Sign up for College Reps visiting MVHS
 - Scholarship updates
- Register for ACT (www.actstudent.org) and/or SAT (www.collegeboard.com) if required or re-taking

August-September

- Complete **Letter of Rec Profile** and **Resume** through Naviance Family Connection
- Request recommendations from Counselors and Teachers (if your college requires them)
- Meet with your guidance counselor for your senior credit check to discuss colleges you are considering
- Plan to attend “Future Planning Night” at MVHS
- Attend a college fair
- Obtain college applications. **Highly selective schools have early deadlines!**
- Start applying to colleges
- Add the colleges you are interested into Naviance
- Sign up for the ASVAB if interested in the military
- Apply to NCAA/NAIA if applicable

October

- Attend in-state and out-of-state college programs in mid-October
- Finalize college choices for selective schools**
- Schedule college visits during Fall Break
- Be aware of Early Decision or Early Action Deadlines and know what they mean
- Write essays, if required, for college applications
- Take the ASVAB if you are interested in the Military
- NOVEMBER 1ST DEADLINES – All completed transcript requests must be in the Post Grad Center no later than October 8th. Make sure all letters of rec are complete and if using Common App, you linked your account with Naviance. Add schools to “Colleges I’m Applying To” in Naviance.**

November

- Explore possibilities for financial aid and scholarships – See Naviance and Scholarship drawer
- Complete college applications and check application, scholarship and testing deadlines
- DECEMBER 15TH DEADLINES – All completed transcript requests must be in the Post Grad Center no later than November 30th! Make sure all letters of rec are complete and if using Common App, you linked your account with Naviance. Add schools to “Colleges I’m Applying To” in Naviance.**

December

- Narrow college choices to 3-5 schools
- Check application deadlines – **be sure to allow ten school days for application processing**
- Access FAFSA on-line at www.fafsa.gov to set up your pin number. FAFSA is available after January 1st
- Register for January SAT test/SAT Subject test, if needed
- Inquire about college-specific scholarships
- Air Force ROTC - December 1st deadline and Navy ROTC – January 31st deadline
- JANUARY 1ST – 15TH DEADLINES – Applications must be in the Post Grad Center BEFORE DECEMBER 4th Allowing for Winter Break!!! Make sure all letters of rec are complete and if using Common App, you linked your account with Naviance. Add schools to “Colleges I’m Applying To” in Naviance.**

January – February

- Submit financial aid forms, FAFSA (based on previous year’s 1040 Tax Forms). Available after January 1st
- Complete all forms and procedures required by colleges
- Request Mid-Year Grade Reports for your schools if they are required or requested. The Post Grad Center only sends mid-year reports if the original application was submitted as a Common Application.
- Continue exploring financial aid possibilities
- Scholarships! Scholarships! Scholarships!**

March, April & May

- Make a final choice of school and confirm by **May 1st**
- Notify other colleges you will not be attending
- Notify the Post Grad Center of acceptance to colleges and scholarships awarded via email to Mrs. Cagle (lori.cagle@dcsdk12.org). Include the complete name of scholarship, the amount, and if it is renewable. The amount is only posted in Naviance and reported to District. Only the student's name and the name of the scholarship is printed in the graduation packet.
- Senior males register with Selective Service (on their eighteenth birthday) – www.sss.gov (must be registered in order to receive federal financial aid)
- Stay in touch with our school website www.mountainvistaonline.org and all the updates concerning the end-of-the-year SENIOR activities and graduation!!!
- Complete the Senior Check-Out Form and turn it in to your counselor

IMPORTANT !!!! The Post Graduate Center will process all college-specific forms, recommendations, transcripts, and other documents that must come from Mountain Vista High School. Below is a table which includes Mountain Vista High School's internal deadlines based on college application deadlines. If you submit transcript requests after our deadlines, it is very likely that your transcript and other documentation may not reach your prospective college on time.

PLEASE KNOW YOUR DEADLINES AND PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

Application Deadline	Last day to submit and request material to the Post Graduate Center - Counseling Office
October 15	September 24
November 1	October 8 (Allowing for fall break)
November 15	October 30
December 1	November 6 (Allowing for Thanksgiving)
December 15	December 1
January 1	December 3 (Allowing for winter break)
January 15	January 4
February 1	January 14
February 15	January 29
March 1	February 11
March 15	February 26
April 1	March 7 (Allowing for spring break)
April 15	April 1

Colorado College Opportunity Fund (COF) – provides a stipend to eligible in-state undergraduate students who attend a *Colorado public institution* or a *participating private institution*. Go to: <https://cof.college-assist.org>.

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) – All students MUST apply for federal financial aid by using the FAFSA. The application is available after January 1st and must be completed ASAP. Before beginning the FAFSA, **you and a parent** must apply for personal identification numbers (PIN) at www.fafsa.gov

- FAFSA worksheets are available online at www.fafsa.gov
- Parents should apply as soon after January 1st as possible. Most colleges base their financial aid decisions on the FAFSA information and begin allocating money as early as February.
- Previous year's taxes may be used and then adjusted/corrected if current taxes are not available. **Please note that financial aid packages may be adjusted once corrected tax information is provided on the FAFSA.**
- Check college websites for financial aid deadlines.
- Be aware that ALL students should apply for the FAFSA. If you choose not to apply you may not be considered for some college scholarships as well as be eligible for work-study programs.
- CSS Financial Aid Form for private and specific colleges

College Financial Aid Office – When in doubt contact the college/university financial aid office. They are the **EXPERTS** and deal with financial aid questions on a daily basis.