

## General College Planning Calendar

Check dates to take the SAT at:

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register/dates-deadlines>

Check dates to take the ACT at: <https://www.act.org/content/act/en.html>

### Who is available to help you through the college selection and admission process?

**Estes Park High School** handles all official advising, class registration, credit check for graduation, transcripts, letters of recommendation, and the Estes Park scholarship application process. Check with the Estes Park High School for information on what they provide to students during this process.

The **Estes Valley Library** offers workshops on choosing a college, financial aid, writing college essays, and comparing financial aid offers.

The **Estes Valley Library** will also host one-hour private no-cost appointments with a former college admissions officer. Signup is done through the Library web site.

### Junior Year of High School

- Research colleges
- Narrow your choices to no more than 10-12
- During the spring and summer plan college visits if you can
- The summer before senior year take ACT or SAT tests (see links above)
- Talk to teachers about recommendations

### Senior Year

- **Fall term** -focus on applications for admission
- Watch application deadlines! Generally try to complete all applications before January
- Attend library workshops in the fall; schedule appointment(s) with Kaye Orten, if desired
- Retake ACT or SAT if necessary. See testing dates listed above .
- Talk to teachers about recommendations
- Narrow college choices to 6-8, in these three categories: reach schools, target schools, safety schools
- Work through the Application process for each one
- Complete your essay by October
- FAFSA can be submitted after October 1st
- Register for AP exams
- **Spring Term** -focus on financial aid, scholarships
- Attend library workshops in the spring
- Schedule appointment(s) with Kaye Orten, if desired
- Complete the FAFSA if not done already
- Identify scholarships and complete all scholarship applications (check for due dates)
- Complete the Estes Park scholarship applications (check with high school)
- Compare financial aid offers received
- Make final campus visits
- Make your final choice -- confirm to 1 school by May (check dates with college)