



# High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

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12<sup>th</sup> Grade

## Senior Year- Get Organized!

There are **six** key milestones to make sure you accomplish this year in 12<sup>th</sup> grade!

1. Take postsecondary entrance and placement exams (*SAT, ACT, AP, ASVAB-military, COMPASS-community college*)
2. Develop a list of post-secondary choices within **Naviance Family Connection>Colleges I'm Thinking About**
3. Apply to post-secondary programs or institutions within **Naviance Family Connection>Colleges I'm Applying To**
4. Prepare a financial plan and apply for financial aid. (*FAFSA opens Oct. 1, 2016!!*)
5. Complete all high school graduation requirements – check your credits!!
6. Graduate!!

Source: [Career Guidance WA](#)

Every college sets its own admission requirements, so it's a good idea for you to research through Naviance Family Connection and check with the college's website to see what criteria (GPA, test scores, etc.) applicants must meet in order to be a good candidate.

Early applications are usually due in the fall, sometimes even as early as October. For regular admissions, applications are usually due in December or January. Don't delay...start those applications today!

**College** includes many options such as apprenticeships, on-the-job training programs, community college certificates, two-year degrees, and four-year degrees.



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Have Naviance Questions?

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Are you in Running Start? Need help with Naviance?

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Check out **Naviance TestPrep!!**

-Self-directed practice course for SAT & AP exams  
-Log into Naviance Family Connection & click on

**resources**

• [Naviance Test Prep](#)

Other Testing Resources can be found here...

• [sat/act resources](#)

## Did You Know?

Your teen should apply to at least three colleges, one from within each of these three categories:

- **Reach** - You might not get in, but it's worth applying because you really want to go.
- **Solid** - You're a competitive applicant and will likely be accepted.
- **Safety** - You'll definitely get accepted, and it's a backup in case the others don't work out.

Source: [UW Dream Project](#)

- FAFSA helped nearly 71,000 low-income recipients receive more than \$308 million in Washington State Need Grant funds during the 2014-15 academic year.
- Completing the FAFSA takes about 30 minutes and it is available in Spanish.
- Free assistance is available via email, by phone, and on the web: [www.studentaid.ed.gov/contact](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/contact)
- You do NOT have to pay to file the FAFSA. Beware of fraudulent websites that want you to pay them to file your FAFSA. It is always **free**!

Source: [Washington Student Achievement Council](#)