

LYONS HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR CHECKLIST 2016-2017

____ Meet with high school counselor early in the fall semester to discuss college plans (see reverse for college planning tools/ websites).

____ Complete/ update your resume on google docs Aug./Sept. Counseling Office needs this on file. You will also give to those writing recommendations to represent you fully/ accurately.

____ Attend college fair(s), meet with college admissions reps who visit Lyons HS.

Denver National College Fair: Sunday, 9/25, 1:00-4:00 Denver Mart, Denver

Out of State College Nights: Wed, 9/28, 6:00-8:00 Monarch HS Thur, 9/29, 6:30-8:00 Lakewood HS

Saturday College Fair & Workshops: Sat., 10/1, 10:00-12:00 Mountain Vista HS, Highlands Ranch

St. Vrain Valley District College Fair: Wednesday., 11/2, 6:00-7:30 @ Silver Creek HS, Longmont

____ Narrow college choices/ applications/ review admission requirements and deadlines. College comparison checklist <http://www.act.org/path/parent/college/collegecomparison.html>

____ Write your college entrance/ scholarship essay(s) & have teacher review it, finalize early fall.

____ Ask for letters of recommendation. Have a balance of academic rec's & others who know you well through work, activities, athletics, etc. Give them at least 2 wks notice. Send them a thank you note too ☺

____ Take/ retake ACT or SAT exam in Sept/ Oct (if needed), send scores to colleges in which you apply. **060955** Lyons High School code. FOLLOW TEST REGISTRATION/ ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS EXACTLY. See reverse for websites.

____ **FAFSA** Obtain FSA ID www.fsaaid.ed.gov (takes 3 days to confirm) apply online for need-based financial aid NOW available OCTOBER 1st (new time frame) www.fafsa.ed.gov Use tax info from last year (2015). The FAFSA is document is used by colleges for grants/work study/some loans, etc.

____ Attend **Financial Aid Night** parents and students welcome! Location & Date TBD

____ **College applications** are an online process through the college. First transcript for college application is free. For additional college official transcripts the cost is \$2.00 per copy.

NOTE: Please submit transcript requests to Ms. Slauson by December 2nd if you want your info. to be sent before end of 1st semester. Check individual college deadlines may need to be done earlier.

____ **Keep copies** of everything you send to colleges or scholarship committees as a back up.

____ If you haven't done so, be sure to visit colleges you are applying to.

____ Apply for all possible scholarships and **MEET DEADLINES !!!** (Scholarships: Internet search, St. Vrain Local, Lyons Local, Community, National, through parents' employer, and financial aid offices at colleges where you are apply). See reverse for **National** (monthly starts Oct) or **Local St. Vrain/ Lyons** (available Dec/Jan, due Feb). Write thank you cards to donors for scholarships received.

____ **Student Athletes:** If you plan on attending / playing at a Division 1 or 2 school, register with **NCAA** Clearinghouse at www.eligibilitycenter.org. **NOTE:** Check out their requirements ASAP.

____ Check out the College In Colorado website to apply for the **College Opportunity Fund**, take an interest inventory, check out colleges, plan your career, and learn about financial aid (www.collegeincolorado.org).

____ Notify the school (s) you have applied to no later than May 1st with your decision. Send acceptance letter & any necessary documents and deposits to your college of choice. Write polite letter of refusal to schools you were admitted to but won't attend.

____ **Post Secondary plans & scholarships:** Notify Lyons HS/ Ms. Slauson when she visits your classes in April so she will know where to send your final transcript.

Great Websites to Help Prepare and Plan for College/Career

***<http://lms.hs.svvsd.org/> Counseling Tab for a variety of resources/ links

Test Prep/ Test Registration/ College/Scholarship/Career Search

www.collegeincolorado.org

www.actstudent.org ACT to register for Saturday National Testing Dates & access tools

www.collegeboard.com PSAT info., AP info, SAT info & to register for SAT...Saturday National Testing Dates & access tools

www.schoolsoup.com

www.number2.com

<http://www.shmoop.com/signup/stvrain-students> Magic word ELUCIDATE (all caps) PSAT, SAT, AP, ACT test prep opportunities free for SVVSD students.

College Search - find the right college to fit you

www.collegeincolorado.org

***www.collegescorecard.ed.gov

www.gotocollegefairs.org Check out additional college fairs 80+ throughout the state of Colorado

www.wiche.edu Western Undergraduate Exchange Program- out of state reduced tuition rates

www.anycollege.com college: search, videos, scholarship

www.cappex.com college: recruit, scholarship, chances of admission

www.mycollegeoptions.org college: search, scholarships, advice, researching majors/careers

www.campustours.com & www.Ecampustours.com virtual tours, interactive campus maps

www.mymajors.com college: major/career quiz, information, planning

www.commonapp.org single point application process for participating colleges

Financial Aid/Scholarship -to help pay for college

www.fafsa.ed.gov Free Application for Fed. Student Financial Aid- apply after Oct.1st use this exact address as there are other scam sites out there!

www.collegeincolorado.org A Colorado User's Guide to Financial Aid, College Opportunity Fund

www.collegeabacus.org (see how college costs stack up between your favorite schools)

www.collegeinvest.org (Student loans, savings plans, and scholarships for Colorado students)

www.finaid.org (estimated family contribution, loans, scholarships, savings, military aid)

www.studentaid.ed.gov - (Gov't website for Federal Aid, walks you through the process).

www.SavingForCollege.com (529 savings plans and more)

www.fastweb.com (also job search and military options)

www.tuitionfundingsources.com

www.qmsp.org (Gates Millennium Scholars)

*** www.myscholly.com (Download App cost \$.99-2.99 itunes/googleplay/appstore/computer, enter demogr info, narrows based on personal information alerts you re: scholarships you may qualify for with links to access them)

Student Athletes - NCAA Clearinghouse

www.eligibilitycenter.org (for student athletes attending a Division 1 or Division 2 college)