

Roadmap



La Salle
COLLEGE PREPARATORY

College and Career Counseling | 12th Grade

So, here you are at last! Senior year is an exciting milestone as you complete your college applications, consider your options, and prepare for what comes next. This guide will help you stay organized, meet important deadlines, and make the most of your final year at La Salle.

What to do throughout 12th grade

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Keep your grades up and aim at your personal best.
Yes, senior year grades are important! Colleges will know which courses you selected for senior year and may review your first quarter or fall semester grades. Continue challenging yourself appropriately and maintaining strong academic performance. Colleges expect the final transcript to match how you presented in your application.☐ Stay connected with your counselor.
This year, you will work with your counselor more than ever as you navigate college applications and postsecondary planning. Take advantage of your scheduled meetings, workshops, and, most importantly, our open-door policy. Come in whenever you have a question. We are here to support you!☐ Review your resume on Scoir.
Make sure your resume is up to date. Having your activities, accomplishments, leadership experiences, employment, and service organized in one place will make it much easier to complete the activities section of your college applications. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Stay involved.
Continue participating meaningfully in extracurricular activities. Colleges value students who pursue their interests, contribute to their communities, demonstrate commitment, and make an impact. Senior year still counts, so continue investing in the activities that are meaningful to you.☐ Explore academically and personally.
Senior year gives you opportunities to deepen existing interests and explore new ones through electives, clubs, athletics, service, and other activities. Use this year to continue discovering the subjects and experiences you may want to pursue in college and beyond.☐ Stay in touch with college athletic programs.
Recruitment and commitments to play collegiate athletics may continue during senior year. Stay connected with your current coaches and college coaches to ensure you understand and meet all requirements and deadlines. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Tour college campuses.
If you have not done so yet, you may still visit colleges in the fall, especially local ones, before submitting your applications. Use this College Visit Handout to guide you.☐ Explore summer opportunities.
Your summer after graduation is potentially the best one yet. Your high school work will be done and college does not start until the fall. So, take advantage to enjoy time with family and friends, work and save money, travel, or prepare for your transition to college. If you choose the community college route, you may even get a head start and take summer classes.☐ Connect with Care Solace for mental health and wellness support.
La Salle partners with Care Solace to help families find mental health and wellness support. This free and confidential service can connect you with a Care Companion 24/7/365. Support is available in 200+ languages, and Care Solace can assist with finding therapists that match your needs, insurance, and preferences. Click here. |
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What to do during 12th Grade - Fall

☐ **Explore the QuestBridge National College Match — September deadline.**

High-achieving seniors from low-income backgrounds should explore the QuestBridge National College Match, which connects students with full four-year scholarships at highly selective partner colleges. The application opens in late summer and is due in September. [Click here.](#)

☐ **Considering a U.S. Service Academy? Complete the application.**

If you are applying to a U.S. Service Academy, continue or begin the process immediately. Requirements may include a congressional nomination, medical examination, Candidate Fitness Assessment, interviews, and academy-specific application materials.

☐ **Connect with Disabled Students Programs & Services (DSP&S).**

If you use accommodations in high school, research the disability support services available at colleges you are considering. Accommodations do not automatically transfer to the colleges. Requirements and documentation vary by college, so understanding the process early can help you prepare for a smooth transition.

☐ **Complete the Senior College Planning Survey on Scoir - Due Early September**

The Senior College Planning Survey is due in the first week of September on [Scoir](#). This helps your counselor individualize the senior college planning meeting to your needs, interests, and college and career goals. Counselors will be meeting with seniors in the order the surveys were completed. Students applying to Early Decision or Early Action need to complete theirs as soon as possible.

☐ **Start your UC, CSU, and Common Application - Opens August 1.**

Begin working on your [UC](#), [CSU](#), and [Common App](#) applications as soon as the platform opens on August 1. CSU's filing period begins Oct 1. Students planning to apply Early Decision (ED) or

Early Action (EA) should begin early to allow plenty of time to complete college-specific questions, supplemental essays, and other requirements before fall deadlines.

☐ **Complete the brag sheets and request letters of recommendation - Due October 1 (regardless of application deadline).**

All seniors must request one teacher letter of recommendation, with additional letters requested only if recommended or required by a college of interest. Counselors will write a letter of recommendation for all students applying to four-year colleges. All recommendation requests and brag sheets must be completed by October 1, regardless of application deadline, to provide teachers and counselors with adequate time to prepare thoughtful, strong letters on students' behalf. Late requests may not be accommodated.

☐ **Attend La Salle's Career Fair.**

La Salle alumni and community members will be on campus during Mentor for our annual Career Fair! Juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to connect with professionals from a variety of industries, visit booths aligned with their interests, and hear firsthand about career journeys, educational pathways, and workplace experiences. Come ready to ask questions, make connections, and discover where your interests might take you.

☐ **Attend the San Diego College Tour.**

La Salle will be taking a group of students to visit colleges in the San Diego area, usually around November, on a one day tour to learn about academics, admission, and student life. Space is limited, so reserve your spot when registration opens.

☐ **Attend Weekly College Application Workshops from mid-September to the Thanksgiving break.**

Seniors are invited to the Counseling Center every

Wednesday from 2:45–3:30 p.m. for dedicated time to work on college applications and essays. Counselors will be available to answer questions, provide application tips, review materials, and offer feedback. No appointment is necessary.

☐ **Register with the NCAA or NAIA Eligibility Center for collegiate sports.**

Students planning to compete in NCAA Division I or II athletics should register with the [NCAA Eligibility Center](#) and request that their transcript be sent. Students interested in competing at an NAIA college should register separately with the [NAIA Eligibility Center](#).

☐ **Art & Design Students: Get a free portfolio review.**

Students interested in pursuing art or design can [submit their portfolio for a free review](#) and receive feedback to help strengthen their work before applying.

☐ **Attend on-campus visits with college representatives.**

Take advantage of opportunities to meet admission representatives visiting La Salle. These admission officers may potentially be reading your application later on. Campus visits are a great way to learn more about colleges directly from the representatives who know them best, ask questions, and, at colleges that consider demonstrated interest, show your genuine interest in the institution. Sign-up on Scoir.

☐ **Sign-up for final ACT or SAT test preparation.**

If you plan to test again and would like to improve your score, consider group or private tutoring. La Salle partners with [Revolution Prep](#). Free test preparation is available on [ACT.org](#) or [Khan Academy](#).

☐ **Take the ACT and SAT exam at La Salle.**

La Salle is a testing site for the fall [ACT](#) and [SAT](#), and all seniors have the option to test on campus.

☐ **Connect with a Lancer alum at a college you're considering.**

La Salle's Alumni Office can connect you and your family with a fellow Lancer currently attending or recently graduated from a college on your list. Contact Suzy Rettig, Director of Alumni Relations, at srettig@lasallehs.org or (626) 696-4365.

☐ **Finalize your college essays.**

Give yourself enough time to revise and proofread your essays carefully. Ask trusted teachers and counselors for feedback before submitting. Visit the [College Essay Guy](#) for a wealth of resources. *-**+

☐ **Finalize your college list (2–3 safety, 3–4 target, and 2–3 reach) – Due November 30 on Scoir**

Meet with your counselor to finalize a balanced list of approximately 7–10 colleges where you plan to apply. Your counselor will help you strengthen and broaden your list with safety, target, and reach options to maximize your chances for admission. All colleges where you plan to apply must be added to your “Applying” list in Scoir by November 30. If you add a college after your first application deadline, you must notify your counselor directly so that school records can be submitted in a timely manner. Counselors do not receive automatic notifications when colleges are added to a student's Scoir list. Use this [Balanced College List](#) worksheet to help you stay organized.

☐ **Submit your college applications – ED/EA Commonly Due Oct 15, Nov 1, Nov 15, or Nov 30**

Prepare Early Decision and Early Action applications well in advance of their deadlines. Common deadlines include November 1, November 15, and November 30, with some colleges having deadlines as early as October 15. Colleges may also require test scores or other supporting materials to be submitted by the deadline. Carefully review each college's requirements, proofread every application before submitting, and ask your counselor for assistance if you have questions.

☐ **Submit your UC and Cal State applications — Due November 30.**

UC and Cal State applications must be submitted by November 30. If you would like your counselor to review your application or need assistance before submitting, please meet with your counselor before the Thanksgiving holiday.

☐ **Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) for reduced out-of-state tuition.**

Considering colleges outside of California? WUE allows eligible California students to attend more than 170 participating public universities at a reduced tuition rate. Click [here](#).

☐ **Complete your Concourse Match profile.**

Take advantage of Concourse Match, a reverse admissions platform that allows colleges to send you official admission and scholarship offers. There is no application fee or commitment, and receiving an offer does not require you to enroll. See [flyer](#). Create your account [here](#).

☐ **Create a master list of account logins, passwords, and due dates.**

Keep track of important dates and login information for college applications, financial aid, scholarships, and college application portals. Many colleges will require you to activate a student portal after applying.

☐ **Create StudentAid.gov accounts for you and your parents.**

Before completing the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#), you and any required contributors, such as a parent, will need individual [StudentAid.gov](#) accounts. These are needed to sign the application before submitting.

☐ **Complete the FAFSA — Opens October 1.**

Complete the FAFSA as soon as it becomes available. The FAFSA is used to determine eligibility for federal and state aid and may also be required for institutional aid. Financial aid deadlines vary by college and state, so submit your FAFSA early and carefully

review the requirements for each college on your list.

☐ **Complete the CSS Profile.**

Some colleges and scholarship programs use the [CSS Profile](#) to determine financial aid eligibility. If required, complete the CSS Profile.

☐ **Explore SMARTTRACK® College Funding.**

La Salle families have access to SMARTTRACK® College Funding, a resource designed to help families understand financial aid, estimate college costs, identify opportunities to maximize grants and scholarships, and develop a plan for paying for college. Click [here](#).

☐ **Send ACT and SAT test scores.**

Send your scores via your ACT and SAT portal. Be sure to send your scores by the college's deadline. For test-optional schools, it is recommended that students send scores if they mirror or exceed the college's admission averages. La Salle does not send test scores on behalf of students.

☐ **Apply for scholarships.**

Pay special attention to local scholarships and opportunities available specifically to La Salle seniors. Save copies of your essays and short-answer responses so you can adapt strong material for other regional and national scholarships. Top scholarship sites include [Scholarships.com](#), [Fastweb](#), [BigFuture Scholarships](#), and [Scholarship America](#).

What to do during 12th Grade - Spring

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Midyear transcripts are sent automatically in mid-January.
Counselors will automatically send midyear transcripts to all colleges in the "Applying" list of your Scoir account.☐ Maintain your grades and extracurricular involvements.
Even though you have submitted your college applications, it is not over yet. Do not fall ill to senioritis. All college admission offers are "provisional," meaning colleges have the right to rescind your offer until they review your final high school records.☐ Stay active in school.
Continue contributing to your classes, activities, and community. If you are waitlisted, the college will want to know what you have accomplished between the time you applied and the time you learned of the decision. New and compelling information will help get you off the waitlist.☐ Review admission offers.
As decisions arrive, compare your options thoughtfully. Consider academic programs, campus environment, student support, location, overall fit, and the true cost of attendance. Financial aid offers can vary significantly, so pay close attention to grants and scholarships, loans, work-study, out-of-pocket costs, and whether aid is renewable from year to year. Remember, you will be happier at your best fit school.☐ Work with your counselor.
Contact your counselor if you need help understanding an admission decision, comparing financial aid offers, navigating a waitlist, or resolving an admission or financial aid issue.☐ Visit your final college choices before committing, when possible.
Take advantage of admitted- | <p>student events and open houses to help you make an informed decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Update Scoir.
Record <u>all</u> college admission decisions in Scoir, including acceptances, denials, and waitlist decisions. Once you have committed, indicate the college or university you plan to attend.☐ Submit your enrollment confirmation.
Once you have made your decision, accept your admission offer and submit an enrollment deposit. Many colleges use the May 1 National Decision Day, but deadlines may vary.☐ Apply for housing, if applicable.
If you plan to live on campus, carefully review housing applications, deposits, deadlines, and roommate selection processes.☐ Final transcript.
Update your college results and enrollment decision in Scoir so La Salle can send your final transcript to the college you will attend.☐ Participate in La Salle's Wellness Day.
Wellness Day gives you a chance to pause, recharge, and focus on your well-being during one of the busiest times of the school year. Learn about mental health, self-care, connection, and balance while enjoying activities designed to support your overall wellness. Past Wellness Days have included miniature therapy horses, a petting zoo, goat yoga, sound baths, DJ sets, food trucks, movement therapy, and a variety of art activities.☐ Celebrate at Senior Decision Day.
It is time to celebrate what comes next! Senior Decision Day recognizes all postsecondary plans, whether you are headed to college, the military, the | <p>workforce, a gap year, or another path. Celebrate your accomplishments with your classmates through games, prizes, a claw machine, and other activities. Before you go, leave a message on our wall with advice and encouragement for the rising senior class.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">☐ Complete the Senior Graduation and Senior Involvement Surveys.
These surveys are part of your graduation requirements. The information collected provides important outcome data for the graduating class and helps the Counseling Department continue to improve its programs and services.☐ Thank faculty and counselors.
Take a moment to thank the faculty and counselors who supported you throughout this process. Keep us posted on your good news. We are invested in your future and excited to see where you go next! |
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