

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Target Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Achieved: \_\_\_\_\_

Goal: \_\_\_\_\_

**Verify that your goal is SMART**

**Specific:** *What exactly will you accomplish?*

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**Measurable:** *How will you know when you have reached this goal?*

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**Attainable/Action-Oriented:** *Is achieving this goal realistic with effort and commitment? Do you have the resources to achieve this goal? If not, how will you get them? What are the exact steps you should take to accomplish this goal?*

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**Relevant/Realistic:** *Why is this goal significant to your life?*

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**Timely:** *When will you achieve this goal?*

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

## SENIOR YEAR COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER CHECKLIST

### AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

- Attend Senior class meeting.
- Sign up for SAT/ACT exam at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) / [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- Students eligible for free or reduced lunch may request a SAT/ACT fee waiver.
- Attend BEST College Night.
- Search colleges/careers at [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) OR [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- Make a list of the four colleges/trade schools that you will apply to:  
1. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- Complete your resumé. Use resources at [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com), if you do not already have one.
- STUDY FOR SAT/ACT!** Speak with College and Career Center (CCC) Specialist to find resources.
- Request transcript for GPA and class rank.
- Try and visit the schools to which you want to apply.

### JANUARY/FEBRUARY

- Once accepted, fill out paperwork for on-campus housing or local apartment applications.
- Remind your parents to complete their taxes. Complete yours, if you worked in the previous year.
- Attend FAFSA Saturday – see CCC Specialist for dates and times.
- Visit with our CCC specialist for help in filling out the FAFSA.
- Invite your parents/guardians as needed.
- For early consideration, the FAFSA must be filled out by February 15th. ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))*
- Start working on your local scholarship applications. See CCHS Senior scholarship booklet for details.
- Explore scholarship opportunities with your parent's employer, church, local civic organizations, or your employer.
- Continue to focus on your academics.
- Sign up for a COMPASS test and send scores to colleges (if not exempt).

### OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

- Fill out college application for all Texas Public colleges or universities at [www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)
- Fill out separate college application for non-public universities and/or out-of-state colleges.
- Research scholarships at the schools to which you are applying as well as private scholarships. See BISSD Scholarship website for details.
- Begin writing rough drafts for college application essays and private scholarships (if applicable).
- Ask for recommendation letters from teachers, school counselors, employers, pastors, etc. Ask them for the letter at least two to three weeks before you need it. When you ask, make sure you have the recommendation form and other information/resumé ready.
- Register to take the ACT/SAT one last time (if needed).
- Request official transcript from Mrs. Enriquez (registrar). \$2.00 for each official transcript.
- Finish and submit college applications by Thanksgiving.
- Early acceptance deadlines are usually December 1<sup>st</sup>.**
- Students eligible for free or reduced lunch may request a College application fee waiver.

### MARCH/ APRIL

- Look for your Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail or your email.
- Ensure your intended college has received your FAFSA and verification documents.
- Try and visit the schools to which you have applied, if you haven't done so already.
- Arrange for a second visit or an overnight stay at the schools where you've been accepted. You are allowed 2 college visit days that will not count against attendance.
- Compare the financial aid Award Letters from different colleges.
- Decide which college to attend and **notify the school of your decision.**
- Pay your housing or matriculation deposit by deadline.

### DECEMBER

- Contact the admissions offices to ensure that they have received the application, references, transcript and test scores.
- Apply for a FAFSA PIN before the winter break at ([www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov))
- Gather the necessary paperwork to complete your FAFSA.
- Sign up for Spring SAT/ACT if you still haven't taken these tests.
- Meet with military branches if interested.
- Sign up to take the ASVAB if interested in the military.
- Seek out volunteer opportunities, during the holiday break.
- Meet with your counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate.

### MAY/JUNE

- Keep track of deadlines for financial aid, scholarships and the housing deposit.
- Send the college your final OFFICIAL transcript.
- Notify the college of any external scholarships you may have received.
- If you received LOCAL scholarships, follow the process to collect your money.
- Sign up for summer orientation.
- Get advised for the classes that you wish to register for, during the fall semester.
- Make sure that you are aware of registration deadlines.

Advised student on (dates): \_\_\_\_\_

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Budget Worksheet for College Students

<b>INCOME:</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Semesterly</b>	<b>Yearly</b>
From Jobs (after taxes)				
From Parents / Family				
From Financial Aid				
Miscellaneous Income				
Other				
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>FIXED EXPENSES:</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Semesterly</b>	<b>Yearly</b>
Rent / Housing				
Food / Meal Plan				
Car Payment				
Car Insurance & Registration				
Tuition & Fees				
Loan / Credit Card Payments				
Telephone / Cell Phone				
Utilities				
Other				
<b>Total Fixed Expenses:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

<b>FLEXIBLE EXPENSES:</b>	<b>Daily</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Semesterly</b>	<b>Yearly</b>
Eating Out				
Clothing				
Books				
Entertainment				
Public Transportation				
Cable				
Internet Access				
Personal Hygiene Items				
Recreation				
Miscellaneous				
Gym				
Child Care				
Laundry / Dry Cleaning				
Travel				
Savings				
Other				
<b>Total Flexible Expenses:</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

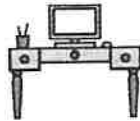
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<b>Total Fixed Expenses:</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Flexible Expenses:</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Balance:</b>	0	0	0	0

# THE ULTIMATE COLLEGE PACKING LIST



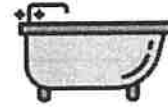
## BEDDING

- Comforter
- Mattress pad (*dorm beds are fixed*)
- 2 sets of Twin XL sheets
- Twin XL bed skirt
- 2 Pillows
- 2 Pillow cases
- Body Pillow
- Throw pillows
- Throw blanket
- Decorative pillows



## DESK

- Bulletin Board
- Organizers
- Planner
- Binders
- Calculator
- Stapler/ Tape
- Post It Notes
- White Out
- Desk Lamp
- Desk Chair



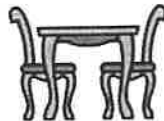
## BATH

- Shampoo/ Body Wash/ Conditioner
- Toothbrush and Toothpaste
- Makeup
- Face Wipes
- Loofa
- 3 Towels
- Hand Towels
- Bath Mat
- Shower Caddy
- Shower Curtain



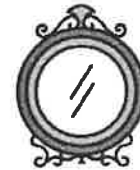
## CLOTHING

- Shirts
- Shorts
- Jeans
- Workout Clothing
- Leggings
- Sneakers
- Sandals/ Flip Flops
- Coat
- Rain jacket
- Underwear



## KITCHEN ESSENTIALS

- Microwave
- Mini fridge
- Keurig Coffee Maker
- Dishes (bowls, plates, cups)
- Reusable water bottle
- Paper plates
- ZipLock Bags/Plastic wrap/Tin Foil
- Tupperware
- Utensils
- Chip clips



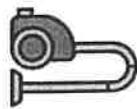
## DECOR

- Photos
- Tapestry
- Canvases
- Posters
- Lamps
- Area Rug
- Curtains
- Jewelry Organizer
- Key Hook
- Command Strips



## ELECTRONICS

- Laptop
- Portable Speakers
- Extension Cords
- Headphones
- Chargers
- TV
- DVD Player and DVDs
- Tablet



## CLEANING SUPPLIES

- Soap
- Small Vacuum
- Disinfecting Wipes
- Paper Towels
- Trash Bags
- Glass Cleaner
- Laundry Bag
- Laundry Detergent Pods
- Stain Remover Pen
- Steamer



## MISC

- Board Games
- Fan
- Umbrella
- First Aid Kit
- Copy of Birth Certificate
- Car registration and insurance information
- Suitcase
- Snacks