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December of senior year is without a doubt one of the busiest times of a high schooler's career. You not only have to complete assignments from schools, but almost every college also has deadlines coming up in early January. It can feel like the deadline is far away, but between everything you have to juggle, plus the holiday season, it'll be New Year before you know it. To make sure that you stay on top of the things you have to do for your applications, we have created a December checklist.

Finalize your full list of regular decision colleges. Make sure you add a balance of reaches, targets, and safeties.

Jot down the supplemental requirements for each college. You have a month or so to complete all of them so it's important to stay on top.

If you've applied early decision, make sure you have received a portal from the school to keep tabs of all your documents.

If you've been invited to an alumni interview, prepare for it! Make sure your internet connection is stable. Practice frequently asked questions.

Make note of when early results come out for your ED and EA schools.

If you've been admitted ED, congratulations!

If you've been deferred, make sure you send a letter of continued interest highlighting what you love about the school and why you're a good fit.

Continue to focus on your RD applications.

Decide whether you would like to apply ED2 anywhere.

Don't forget to work hard in your classes as well.

Revise your personal statement if you have to.

If you would like to edit your school list based on your early results as well, do it soon after the results come out.

Make sure you get plenty of sleep. Rest is extremely crucial at a time like this.

Talk to your high school guidance counselor if you have any questions.

Once you've completed all of your supplemental essays, double and triple-check everything, and get ready to submit!

Cross things off the list as December gets into full swing. Remember, colleges want students who present their best selves and highlight how they would fit in on their campuses. Don't rush through anything. Give yourself plenty of time to get your act together and prepare a wonderful application. Good luck!