

AVID Summer 2008 Project  
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Introduction: Your senior year is the culmination of an exciting journey that you have embarked on for 12 years. However, in order to continue the successful path you have chosen, a few “tidy it up” projects need to occur. The first three (3) months of your senior year are crucial.

Directions: Complete the following tasks during your summer to ensure that you’re ready for the fall of your senior year. On the first day of school, I will collect the following from you. **NO exceptions!**

## Part I

I want your final five (5) schools that you are going to apply to. Keep in mind that applying for colleges takes time, effort, and money....by paring down your list to five (5) schools, you will have a focus. Your schools **MUST** include:

**1 “Fantasy” school.** These are competitive schools that take the best and the brightest, but are often so competitive, many of the best and brightest don’t get in. Another option: a school whose location a distance away—for example: the East Coast or Midwest.

**3 “I want to go to one of these” schools.** These are schools that you really have an interest in –they offer your major (or interests), they have the climate, size, area that you want to live in. These are schools that you will focus most of your energy on.

**1 “Sure fire” school.** This is the “Fall back” school that you **KNOW** you’re going to get into because you have the rigor, grades, portfolio of evidence, etc. to gain entrance.

## Part II

You need to have **EITHER** a copy of the application for each of these five schools that you’re applying to **OR** a date when the applications are available. For applications that are to be filled out online, you may still **PRINT THEM OFF** and bring them in. Label the applications accordingly because you will be filling them out properly as a rough draft prior to filling out the real deal.

## Part III

You need to select **AT LEAST** two (2) scholarships that you are interested in applying for and have a copy of the scholarships ready to work on.

## Part IV

Which teachers are going to write you letters of recommendations to your schools? You need to have a list of three (3) teachers who know you best at Federal Way High School who you will ask during the **FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL** to write you a letter or recommendation so that you have this component completed. Since you are going to ask them to write you a letter of recommendation, you also need to have Part V completed before you do this.

## Part V

Curriculum vitae, resume, activities sheet, Letter of Recommendation form. Whenever you ask someone to write you a letter of recommendation or someone to fill out a form about your college choice, they need to receive some information from you to help them write the letter.

## Part VI

Envelopes, stamps, thank you cards. If you ask someone to write you a letter of recommendation, you give them an envelope, already stamped and addressed. When they do this for you, you write them a **HAND WRITTEN THANK YOU** within 24 hours.

## **Part VII**

College visit. Plan on personally visiting at least one of the colleges/universities you listed in Part I (preferably your first choice). This visitation must be done with your parent/guardian. Assignment: compile information from admissions, names of college personnel, professors and students you talked to while on campus, scholarship information specific to the college, etc.

## **Part VIII**

FAFSA (Free Application for Student Aid): Student and parent will fill in the worksheet in preparation for filling in the FAFSA application (paper or online form). You will use current information and will later be updated when 2009 begins.