# US Calendar Senior Year Planning & Execution Timeline

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*Document objective: To provide you with a structured overview plan for your final school year on the US Standard calendar*

| Timeframe | Key Activities – US STANDARD calendar (July/Aug/Sept - June) |
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| **Grade 10-11** | • **Explore options:** Attend open days, engage with faculty, and track application and scholarship deadlines.<br>• **SAT preparation:** If required for your tertiary goals, develop and begin a preparation plan. See: *Things We've Learned from Our Son's SAT Journey.*<br>• **Academic targets**: For local Bachelor's entry, aim for a GPA of 3.5+ with an SAT of 1130 (610 English, 530 Math) or NBT / 2 APs by the end of matric.<br>• **Stay informed:** Monitor changes to *Legal & Other Requirements*, university, and faculty admission requirements.<br>• **Community:** Share in our Kairos Class of 2026 and *Tertiary & Beyond* WhatsApp groups. |
| **April-June**<br><br>**(build-up to Senior year)** | • **Plan your Senior Year** independently or through a *Kairos+ Consultation*.<br>• **Familiarise** yourself with our *Graduation Request Process*.<br>• **Attend or watch** the *Kairos Class of 2026 Webinar*.<br>• **1 June– 15 July: Enrol** with Kairos and HLA (Senior fee applies).<br>• **July: Record** your Senior Education Plan on *myHLA* or Kairos will complete this if you use our *Kairos+ Applecore Service*.<br>• **Order** HLA Senior clothing and rings via the via *Blue Eagle Store* / *Josents*). |
| **July-Sept** | • **Begin** Gr 12 academics, skills development, and character-building activities.<br>• **If applicable: Schedule** your *SAT exam*.<br>• **Apply feedback** from your Gr 12 Kairos+ Transcript Review (where relevant) and HLA Graduation Review (available on *myHLA*) to your academic planning and execution. |
| **Dec-Jan** | • **Before 15 January: Submit** your **Semester 1 (Spring)** report. If the Kairos+ Applecore service has been secured, apply the *Semester Reporting Form*.<br>• **Final transcript:** You may request your official final HLA transcript after the Spring term if all graduation requirements are met (minimum 22 credits, 6 semesters, and 3+ years). Apply our *Graduation Request Process*. |
| **Jan-Feb** | • **Continue** with your **Spring (Semester 2)** studies. Finish strong!<br>• **Submit** your Senior Shoutout by **1 March**.<br>• **Apply** for HLA Scholarships by **1 March**. |
| **March-May** | • **Request** your official interim HLA transcript on *myHLA* for local tertiary applications at least **10 business days** before you need it, using our *Interim Transcript Request Process*.<br>• **Apply** to a minimum of three tertiary institutions, jobs, or scholarships (note: most local public universities open **1 April**).<br>• **Monitor** your application portals and emails regularly and respond promptly to provisional offers or information requests.<br>• **Secure** your provisional tertiary admission offers. |
| **April-Sept**<br>**(Graduation Window)** | • **15 April: Earliest possible graduation date** if applying the Fall semester only in Gr 12. Apply our *Graduation Request Process*.<br>• **15 June: Submit** your **Spring Semester Report** (before graduation). If the Kairos+ Applecore service has been secured, apply the *Semester Reporting Form*.<br>• **Before 15 Sept: Submit** your **Summer Semester Report** (if applied; before graduation). If the *Kairos+* Applecore service has been secured, apply the *Semester Reporting Form*.<br>• **15 September 2026: Latest possible graduation date** to avoid re-enrolment.<br>• **Verify** that your Applecore information is correct and complete.<br>• **Request** your official HLA Transcript & Diploma through our *Graduation Request Process*. |
| **Post-Graduation** | • **Celebrate** your **Senior's graduation!**<br>• **Upon receipt** of your PDF transcript and diploma (via email), submit copies to tertiary institutions or employers and stay in touch regarding next steps.<br>• **Use** the PDF version to apply to *SAQA for your SA NQF Matric Equivalency Letter* (recommended for all our matriculants).<br>• **Safeguard** the original hard copy (to be mailed) for future applications. |