

US Standard Calendar Senior Year Planning & Graduation Workflow

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Purpose: A one-page family workflow for the July–June US Standard senior year.

For the full current calendar, see [Choosing Your Academic Calendar](#).

PLAN → ENROL → RECORD → APPLY → REPORT → COMPLETE → GRADUATE

Timeframe	Family Actions – US Standard Calendar (July–June)
Grade 10–11 PREPARE	Explore future pathways: attend open days, note application/scholarship deadlines and build a realistic senior plan. Check current requirements: use Legal & Other Requirements and Explore Essential Tertiary Resources and Bursaries. Plan SAT/NBT/AP only where relevant; see our SAT journey.
Apr–Jul ENROL & SET UP	Plan Grade 12: independently or through a Kairos+ Consultation; review the Graduation Request Process and Grade 12 resources. 1–30 Jun: preferred enrol/re-enrol window. 1–15 Jul: final standard-fee window. From 15 Jul: late fee applies; paid, complete applications continue in HLA batches. Timeous standard-window enrolments are expected finalised by about 30 Jul. Education Plan: record planned courses on myHLA after confirmation and review/finalise Jul–Sep. Kairos+ Applecore Service families submit planning info for assistance. Order Senior items via Blue Eagle Store / Jostens.
Jul–Sep START STRONG	Begin Grade 12 academics, skills, service and character-building; keep Applecore current and finalise/update the Education Plan. Review your record: apply Kairos+ Transcript Review/HLA Graduation Review feedback. If relevant, schedule the SAT exam.
Oct–15 Jan REPORT S1	Continue Semester 1 and keep Applecore current. 5 Dec: Senior re-enrolments/payments received after this date attract the late returning fee (similar to a new Senior). Submit Semester 1 report by 15 January. Kairos+ Applecore families use the Semester Reporting Form. If all HLA graduation requirements are already complete after Semester 1, follow the Graduation Request Process to request final documents.
Jan–Feb CONTINUE S2	Continue Semester 2 and finish strong. Keep Applecore current and respond to tertiary admission requirements. By 1 March: submit Senior Shoutout and HLA scholarship applications. Request an interim transcript on myHLA at least 10 business days before needed.
Mar–May APPLY & REVIEW	Apply and monitor: submit tertiary/job/scholarship applications as they open and watch portals/email for requests and offers. 15 Mar: last day to enrol a new student in the current US Standard academic year through Kairos.
Apr–15 Jun GRADUATE 1 Apr opens	1 Apr: earliest release of the final HLA Transcript and Diploma for Grade 12 students using Semester 2. Complete coursework, enter final grades, verify Applecore/records, then submit the Graduation Request Process. 30 Apr: last day to upload previous records before increased TRX fees apply. Semester 2 report: submit before graduation and no later than 15 June. Kairos+ Applecore families use the Semester Reporting Form.
Jul–15 Sep FINALISE & NEXT 15 Sep final	Optional Semester 3 (Summer): use Jul–Sep for catch-up, acceleration or credit completion; submit the report by 15 September using the Semester Reporting Form. 15 September: final date for Grade 12 graduation in that US Standard academic year; later completion will trigger re-enrolment/late-graduation implications. After graduation: submit the PDF transcript/diploma to tertiary institutions or employers; apply to SAQA for the NQF equivalency letter and complete USAf/university exemption steps where applicable. Safeguard the original hard copies and celebrate!