



Branson Academy Inc.

A GOAL IS A DREAM WITH A DEADLINE!  
WITHOUT A DEADLINE – A GOAL IS JUST A DREAM.  
FOLLOW THIS CHECKLIST TO MAKE YOUR DREAM COME TRUE.

## COLLEGE PREP CHECKLIST

- ✓ Follow Four Year Plan to complete college prep course requirements
- ✓ Sign up and prepare for SAT or ACT Testing  
Test scores supplement your high school transcript and add to an overall picture of academic ability – especially helpful if you plan to enroll directly in a 4-year university. Check colleges of choice to determine whether you need the SAT or ACT. SAT tests are not required for graduation from Branson Academy.
- ✓ Develop skills to write an outstanding Personal Essay  
Required as part of the college admissions application
- ✓ Track Community Service and Leadership Training  
Admissions applications usually request both organizations and number of hours volunteered. Begin a tracking record as a Freshman. Then, in your Senior Year you won't be trying to remember what you did, and when!
- ✓ Record Extracurricular Activities, Achievements, Honors, and Awards  
Requested on applications.
- ✓ Freshman Year: Create a College Admissions Info Folder. Add to it each year.  
This is the go to place for everything you need for college or university admissions applications – start early, so you don't stress later!

### What goes into the folder

Transcripts	Records of Community Service and Volunteer Hours
Honors, Awards	Certificate of Achievements
SAT or ACT test scores	Records of Extracurricular Activities (sports/gymnastics/music/scouting)
Letters of Recommendation – from employers, volunteer organizations, coaches, pastors, instructors	
Personal and Medical information - including parental financial information if you apply for financial aid.	



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- ✓ **Sophomore Year:** Begin SAT / ACT prep. Take online courses, and practice exams as often as you can. You can even sign up for the PSAT or the SAT during your sophomore year.
- ✓ **Junior Year:** Research possible colleges or university options. Consider visiting several campuses in the summer or on their Open Visit Days. Write practice personal essays and take a SAT/ACT or AP exam.
- ✓ **Summer before Senior Year:** Calendar deadlines for final SAT testing, and college admissions applications. Begin to research scholarships and financial aid opportunities. Many essay contests or other scholarship awards are available to juniors and seniors.
- ✓ **Senior Year:** Schedule final SAT / ACT test in the fall. **USE BRANSON SCHOOL CODE 054371.** Request records to be sent to Branson Academy and your college of choice. Request official transcripts from Branson Academy two months prior to admissions applications deadlines. Fill out online college admissions applications. Apply for financial aid if necessary. Finish your high school grad requirements.

Branson Academy provides a High School Graduation Package to every graduate, which includes a Diploma, an Official Transcript, and a Letter of Recommendation.