PREPARATION TIMELINE:
POSTSECONDARY APPLICATIONS

GRADE 12 TIMELINE for ONTARIO Universities

1) Marks Upload Dates (by guidance counsellors to OUAC for 2026-27 school year)

- November 19 2026 (completed & in progress Grade 12 credits + Grade 11 marks)
- February 11 2027
- April 22 2027
- July 8 2027 FINAL GRADES

2) Starting in September and into October at the latest (the deadline is January 15th 2027 for equal consideration)

- Ideally, begin your research in Grades (10 &) 11, but if you haven't, it's not too late
- Research and create a balanced **SCHOOLS LIST: SAFETY / TARGET / REACH**
  - tour campuses
  - attend fairs
  - attend school information sessions hosted by recruiters
  - set up a spreadsheet with deadlines, & details about supplementary documents
- Earn the best marks you can. Get to know your teachers and ask for help.
- Continue extra-curricular activities, and take on a leadership role if possible.
- Note application deadlines for programs outside of Ontario.

- Set up your OUAC account as soon as the application opens (approx end of September)
- Apply to programs ASAP if you're sure they're on your SCHOOLS LIST (about $51 per program, after the $159 base fee for 3 program minimum)
- Begin your supplementary documents, if required, in fall of Grade 12. I recommend students complete their supplementary documents over the Dec break. TAKE. YOUR. TIME "creating your content"
- Apply for scholarships (between Sept - June)
- Note deadlines: January 15th 2027 for OUAC. "It Depends" for many institutions outside Ontario.

- students will receive offer/waitlist/rejection information no later than May 28 2027
- students must accept one offer in Ontario by the end of June 1 202, 1unless otherwise instructed by a school. Students may accept ONE ONTARIO OFFER + AS MANY OUT-OF-PROVINCE OFFERS as desired

Other important details:

- **Early admission:**

Universities and colleges review applications as they receive them, and often offer conditional admission to candidates on a rolling basis. Most competitive programs do not make offers until after the March break, and as late as the end of May. **There is no official "early admission deadline" at almost all schools.** Only a couple Canadian schools have this (UBC, U of T specific programs, for example). All others are "rolling admission" as soon as they receive applications and mark updates. The end of rolling admission is Jan 15 in Ontario, and most out-of-province schools deadlines are end-of-January.

Students WILL NOT receive 'rejections' based on Grade 11 marks. Schools will make final admissions decisions after reviewing 6 Grade 12 credits.

- **Course codes / required courses:**

Make sure you are enrolled in the required Grade 12 courses for program admission (read the fine print!).

- **Helpful links for researching Canadian universities:**

ontariouniversitiesinfo.ca
OUAC.ca (Ontario Universities Application Centre)
ontariocolleges.ca

macleans.ca/education
applyalberta.ca
educationplannerbc.ca
bccat.bc.ca
sram.qc.ca

- **Information about transfers** (college to university, and vice versa):

ontransfer.ca/index_en.php

Information about Special Education and & Disabilities

https://www.transitionresourceguide.ca/

SKILLS THAT MATTER FOR 2030 AND BEYOND

adaptability

resilience

critical thinking

creativity

collaboration

emotional intelligence

ethical reasoning

communication

growth mindset

caring/compassion

all other *soft* skills

*** focus on transferable skills and mindsets**