12th Grade Checklist

Senior year is often an extremely busy time with schoolwork, activities, and special events. Be sure to stay on track with your college admissions process. Get organized, be aware of deadlines, and do not procrastinate.

Finalize your college list

When applying to college, use the information you have gathered from college visits, interviews, and your own research. It is okay to apply to colleges that you think will be more difficult to get accepted. It is also important to put a few safety schools (where you are sure you will get in) on your list. Talk to your NHS Guidance Counselor, teachers, and parents about your final choices.

Submit financial aid forms

No matter your family's income level, the FAFSA is your main priority for financial aid purposes as it will determine how much you are expected to pay toward your college expenses.

Take standardized tests

Register for and take the ACT and SAT. Be sure you have requested your test scores be sent to the colleges of your choice.

Keep track of deadlines

You will be filling out many forms this year, so it is important to know which form is due when. Make a calendar showing the application deadlines for admission, financial aid, and scholarships.

Ask for letters of recommendation

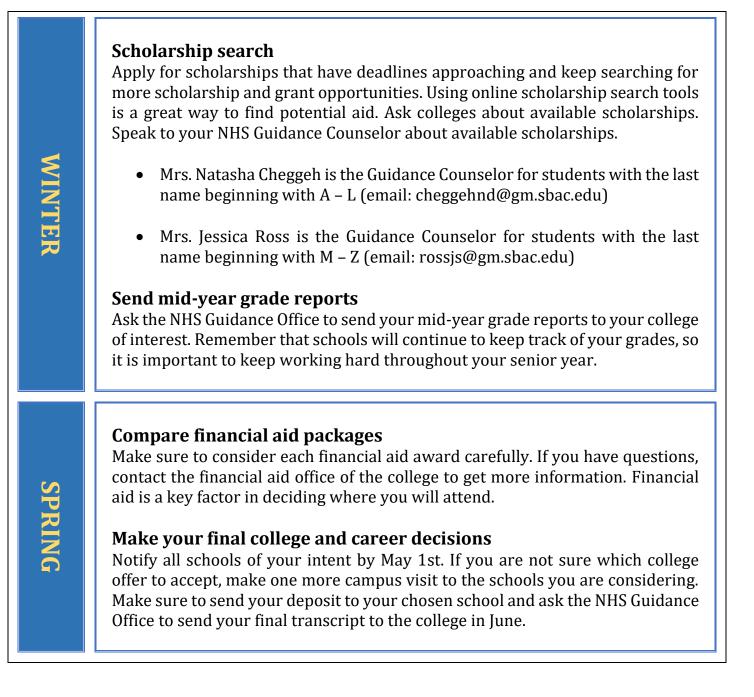
Give letter of recommendation forms to the adults you have chosen. Be sure to fill out your name and address and the school name on each form. Discuss your goals and ambitions with your teachers so they will be more prepared to write about you. Be sure to write a thank you note to each individual who recommended you.

Complete applications

Finish the application forms for your schools of interest. Proofread your applications and make extra copies before you send them. Make sure all necessary materials, including test scores, recommendations, transcripts, and application essays have been sent. You should plan to get all this done before winter break so you will not be rushing to make deadlines.

Transcripts

To request an official transcript for a college application, visit the NHS Guidance Office.



Visit the NHS Student Information Center for more information:

