

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.

FALL

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.

WINTER

Scholarship search

Apply for scholarships that have deadlines approaching and keep searching for more scholarship and grant opportunities. Using online scholarship search tools is a great way to find potential aid. Ask colleges about available scholarships. Speak to your NHS Guidance Counselor about available scholarships.

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Send mid-year grade reports

Ask the NHS Guidance Office to send your mid-year grade reports to your college of interest. Remember that schools will continue to keep track of your grades, so it is important to keep working hard throughout your senior year.

SPRING

Compare financial aid packages

Make sure to consider each financial aid award carefully. If you have questions, contact the financial aid office of the college to get more information. Financial aid is a key factor in deciding where you will attend.

Make your final college and career decisions

Notify all schools of your intent by May 1st. If you are not sure which college offer to accept, make one more campus visit to the schools you are considering. Make sure to send your deposit to your chosen school and ask the NHS Guidance Office to send your final transcript to the college in June.

Visit the NHS Student Information Center for more information:

