

Senior Checklist

Verify You Are On-track for Graduation and Your Diploma Type

- Visit your counselor to learn about your credits and progress. Know your diploma and graduation requirements.
- Make a challenging schedule for your senior year. Senior year is not the time to slack off with your school work! Colleges will look for rigorous and challenging 12th grade coursework. So, even though you may be “finished with your graduation requirements”, take courses that will challenge you and prepare you for college coursework. Do well in those courses!
- Register for College Entrance Exams. If you plan on attending a 4-year college or university and have not done so already, register to take the SAT Reasoning Test (www.collegeboard.org) and the ACT Plus Writing Test (www.act.org). Students are advised to take both exams in the spring or summer of their 11th grade year; as well as, encouraged to retake one or both of the exams during senior year in order to improve their scores. For test dates and locations, please visit www.collegeboard.org for the SAT Reasoning Test and www.act.org for the ACT Plus Writing Test

Participate in Extra-Curricular Activities

- Colleges will ask what, if any, activities you have been involved in during your junior and senior year. So, if you aren't active in some sort of extra-curricular activity, now is the time to start! Involvement in extra-curricular activities not only engages you with your community, but shows time management skills, self-discipline skills, citizenship skills, etc. These are all characteristics that colleges will look for in potential students.

Attend College Representative Presentations

- College representatives will visit the high school to talk with interested seniors in the fall. Scheduled college rep visits are in Guidance Department.

Visit College Campuses.

- If you haven't done so already, visit the college campuses to which you plan on applying. If you intend to go on a college visit during the school day, be sure to complete a College Visit Form. These forms can be obtained in the Guidance office. Remember to take a copy of your transcript with you to show an admission counselor. This is a great opportunity to get some feedback firsthand from admission representatives regarding your credentials.
- Be sure to get an admissions application and other important materials during your visit. } Apply to Post-Secondary Schools. Know the admission requirements of the colleges to which you are applying! Be sure to do this early in your senior year so that you're able to discuss these choices with your guidance counselor.
- Complete all college applications during the fall of your senior year. This will allow you ample time to look into scholarship opportunities. Many colleges now encourage applicants to apply on-line in order to quicken application processing, however paper applications are still accepted. Most in-state college applications are available in the guidance office resource center or from your counselor. Any out-of-state college applications must be requested directly from that particular institution.

Stay Up-to-date on Scholarship and Financial Aid Information

- Scholarship opportunities are received in the guidance office regularly. Always check the announcements and the scholarship list in the Guidance Department for the latest scholarship opportunities.