

NHS Senior Year Timeline

Summer

- Start working on drafts of your college essays and supplements
- Organize your resume or list of extracurricular activities and honors/awards
- Visit college campuses
- Apply for scholarships
- At Senior Kick-Off Day, you can pay \$50 for unlimited transcripts – otherwise, it will be \$5 per transcript

- Review your class schedule to ensure you are meeting graduation and college admissions requirements
- Register for upcoming SAT, ACT, and/or SAT Subject Tests if necessary
- Start solidifying the list of colleges you are applying to – remember to include target, reach, and safety schools
- Start researching application requirements and deadlines for the colleges to which you are applying - create a personal calendar/checklist to track this information
- If you are applying to private schools, create your Common Application account
- Meet with your counselor to ensure that your college list is a good fit with your academic and personal record
- Log in to your Naviance account and add non-Common Application schools to your list as you decide to apply to them
- If necessary, start asking teachers for letters of recommendation (give them at least 3 weeks notice)
- If you will need a counselor letter of recommendation, schedule a senior conference with your counselor***
- Attend visits from college representatives
- Continue working on your college essays and supplements
- Attend the Common Application Workshop, if applicable**

August / September

October

- Begin your CSU and/or UC applications, if applicable
- Solidify your teacher recommendations – give teachers at least 3 weeks notice
- Finalize your college list
- If you need a counselor letter of recommendation and haven't done so already, schedule a senior conference with your counselor***
- Continue to attend college visits
- Continue working on your college essays and supplements
- Check on financial aid deadlines for colleges
- FAFSA Opens October 1 – You can begin to file your FAFSA
- Attend the CSU/UC Application Workshop, if applicable**

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- Continue to fill out your applications and proofread your essays/supplements
- Observe deadlines carefully – remember that the CSU and UC applications are due on November 30
- If you need a counselor recommendation letter and have not scheduled your senior conference, do so ASAP!***
- Check the College and Career Center Newsletter for updates on scholarships and financial aid information
- Send SAT/ACT scores to all schools to which you are applying
- Check your email and college portals daily
- Let your counselor know if they need to send transcripts to schools that don't require letters of recommendation
- Submit CSU and/or UC applications by November 30**

November

*Senior conferences must be scheduled before Thanksgiving break or counselors will not be able to write your recommendation letter. Counselors' calendars get booked up fast, so plan ahead!

December

- Continue to fill out your applications and proofread your essays/supplements
- Pay close attention to deadlines – most applications are due at the end of this month!
- Attend Financial Aid Night
- Visit the FAFSA website and apply for a PIN number
- Make sure that all your teachers have the information they need to write your letters of recommendation
- Send SAT/ACT scores to all schools to which you are applying
- Application for IVC, Saddleback, and Santiago Canyon opens on December 1 – apply early for Freshman Advantage
- Continue to check your email and college portals daily

- Check that all colleges have received your SAT/ACT scores – remember that it can take admissions offices a few days to process documents
- Keep working hard in your classes – remember that senior year grades count!
- If you have any updates for mid-year reports, see your counselor
- Continue to check your email and college portals daily – pay close attention to any requests for additional information from colleges
- Community colleges are still accepting applications!
- Continue to fill out scholarship applications

January

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February

- Counselors send out mid-year reports after grades post
- Check that all colleges have received your financial aid information
- If you completed the FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) within 4 weeks – review thoroughly!
- Continue to check your email and college portals daily – pay close attention to any requests for additional information from colleges
- Complete community college matriculation process so you are ready to register
- Double-check housing deadlines and requirements, if applicable
- Continue to fill out scholarship applications

- March 2 – FAFSA is due
- Start receiving admissions decisions
- Attend community college Senior Days and complete matriculation process so you are ready to register
- Continue working hard in your classes
- Continue to fill out scholarship applications

March

April

- All admissions decisions should be available – make sure you inform your counselor
- Review your options and financial aid packages
- Attend open houses and tours of colleges to which you've been admitted
- Choose your college and submit your Intent to Register by May 1
- Update your college decisions in Naviance

- Complete the Senior Survey in Naviance
- Take placement tests at the college you will attend (they will notify you if this is necessary)
- Take AP exams, if applicable
- Send AP scores to college you are attending
- Continue to work hard in your classes and take your final exams
- Follow the directions for how to request your final transcript to be sent to your college of choice
- Enjoy your summer!

May / June