

SENIOR TO DO List

DUE DATE	TASK
ASAP	Register to take the ACT & SAT at the earliest possible date if you need to retake them to get better scores.
September	Meet with Mrs. Rowland if you have not already done so or if you have questions or need assistance.
September	Request recommendations from 3 teachers and have them e-mail them to Mrs. Rowland (if you did not do this last year). Do not forget to use the recommendation form. These will be sent with your transcripts.
September	Schedule upcoming college visit days and notify Mrs. Rowland.
October	If you are attending a college that requires it, fill out the CSS/Financial Aid Profile on line at www.profileonline.collegeboard.com/prf/index.jsp
October	Complete 5 college applications and submit. Be sure you understand Early Decision & Early Action before sending.
October	Request transcripts from Mrs. Rowland after submitting applications. Use electronic transcript services when available (tracy.rowland@ntaeagles.org). Allow 2 days.
November or when accepted	When you hear from each college, let Mrs. Rowland know the college's decision & the amount of scholarship money offered. They should automatically include any state, federal, or their college grants that apply. If they don't ask about it. (Many won't be able to tell you until January when they receive the information you submitted for FAFSA.)
November	Check websites (www.cfnc.org , www.fastweb.com , www.collegeboard.org to name a few), bookstores and libraries regarding scholarships. Most scholarship money runs out fast so time is of the essence.
November	Request PIN number from the federal government in order to access FSA (Federal Student Aid) systems. Both parents and student need PIN numbers. Parents only need one number for all their children.
	1. Go to website www.pin.ed.gov
	2. Enter personal information including name, Social Security Number, Date of Birth...
	3. Receive confirmation that application was received.
	4. After information is verified with the Social Security Administration records, PIN will be generated, sent to applicant by e-mail in approximately 3 business days or by regular mail within 7-10 days (if no e-mail address provided).

February	Fill out FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and complete online at www.fafsa.ed.gov . This must be submitted before you can be given any grant, scholarship or loan.
February	Compare the financial aid packages of the colleges to which you have been accepted. If you or your parents have any extenuating circumstances (single parent, loss of job, unusual expenses, paying tuition for a sibling in a private school) that may qualify you for more grant money, your parents should make an appointment to meet personally with the Financial Aid Director of the college (where you have been accepted) where you want to attend.
March	Seniors planning to attend a Community College or other Training Center should make an appointment to meet with someone there to register and take care of everything needed. Seniors planning to enlist in a branch of the Military should see a recruiter to take care of all that is required.
March	Let colleges know that you are/are not planning to attend.
May	Complete and submit to Mrs. Rowland a "Request for Academic Transcript" with the name of the college you plan to attend so that a final transcript may be sent when grades are historic and accounts are clear.