

## **Senior Year Timeline**

Please refer to the timeline below to help you to stay on track and organized:

### Fall:

- Maintain the highest level of academic achievement throughout the year.  
(Colleges will see terms 1 and 2 of senior year. Final grades will be sent to the college you will be attending)
- Utilize the college fair at NHS and prepare to speak to college representatives
- Meet with your school counselor individually and on a regular basis for help with the college application process
- Complete the [Counselor Brag Sheet](#) (if not already completed)
- Ask a teacher (one, two if required by the college) to write you a letter of recommendation (provide a minimum of one month's notice)
- Finalize your college list
- Finalize your college essay and supplemental essays
- Complete college applications
- Register and take the SAT or ACT if desired/required
- Be mindful of Early Action and Early Decision deadlines (typically Nov/Dec)
- Notify the College Board or ACT about sending your standardized test scores to your colleges (if required)
- Complete the FAFSA ([fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov)) and the [CSS Profile](#) (found on the College Board website, some private colleges require this in addition to the fafsa)
- Visit (or re-visit) some of the colleges you plan to apply to

### Winter:

- Be mindful of regular decision application deadlines
- Review financial aid packages awarded by each college
- Be mindful of individual college notifications and deposit deadlines

### Spring:

- Prior to May 1st (National College Decision Day), finalize your college decision, and notify other colleges that you will not be attending
- Make initial deposits for acceptance and/or housing (typically May 1st, though check your college's deadline)
- Inform your counselor of your college application results
- Write "thank you" notes to your teachers for writing letters of recommendation
- Take AP exams if applicable