

SENIORS-FAQ

How do I order my transcripts to be sent to a college?

For an official copy of your transcript you will need to order it through Parchment. There is no cost for this service while you are a high school student. You will need to follow the link below and create an account if you do not already have one. You will need to select the school(s) that you would like to receive your transcript. The Student Services office will receive a notification and will electronically send your transcript to the school.

<https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/10609/account>

(There is also a link to the Parchment website on the Student Services website.)

Where can I find my GPA and class rank?

You can find your GPA and class rank on an unofficial copy of your transcript provided through the Student Services office. The “Normal GPA” is your weighted GPA (we had weighted classes during your freshmen and sophomore years) and is on a Weighted 4.0 scale. The “Unweighted GPA” is exactly that and is on an Unweighted 4.0 scale. If the document you are completing does not specify, always use the higher of the two numbers.

How often is my GPA and class rank updated?

GPA and class rank are only updated TWO times per year. In January after the first semester grades have been posted and in June after the second semester grades have been posted.

How many colleges should I apply to?

There is no hard and fast rule but most students apply to 4-5 schools. Some students apply to more and some apply to less, but applying to 4 or 5 schools will allow you to evaluate and compare the schools and figure out which one is the right fit for you.

When should I apply to colleges?

The fall (September through December) is the ideal time to apply to colleges. Some schools will have an application deadline and some will have rolling enrollment where they will accept students at any time. Applying during the fall will give you time to receive your financial aid package, continue to compare schools, and make your selection by May 1st.

General Timeline

September-December	Apply to colleges
October	Complete the FAFSA
December-February	Receive acceptance letters and financial aid packages
March-May	Make your college decision and notify the school you will attend by May 1st

How should I request recommendation letters?

Some college or scholarship applications will ask you to provide letters of recommendation. You can access a Letter of Recommendation Request Form from the link below. You can fill out the form and then give it to the teacher, coach, etc. that you would like to write a letter of recommendation for you. Make sure that you give the person plenty of notice and ample time to complete the letter (i.e. DO NOT ASK THEM THE DAY BEFORE IT IS DUE!!!)

<http://nbhsstudentservices.weebly.com/forms.html>

Where can I look for scholarship information?

You can access scholarship information at the link below. The list of scholarships is constantly under construction so check back frequently. Also, if you notice any links or other information that does not seem accurate please inform the Director of Student Services so it can be update.

<http://nbhsstudentservices.weebly.com/scholarships.html>

This is not an exhaustive list and there are THOUSANDS of scholarship available. You can also search for scholarships on sites like Fastweb. There is money available if you are willing to put in some time and energy to do the work

When do I need to file my FAFSA?

You (and your parents) need to file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible starting October 1st. Some funds are distributed on a first come-first served basis so you need to apply as soon as possible.

What are the main sources of financial aid that I should be looking for?

There are 3 main sources of financial aid:

1. Federal/State Aid (determined through completion of FAFSA)
2. Grants and scholarships from the college you are attending (only applicable if you attend that school)
3. Outside scholarships (applicable to any school you attend)

*You can take out student loans through the federal government or private institutions but it is important to note that these will be the responsibility of the student and repayment will begin 6 months after graduation or the student drops below full-time status.

Grants/scholarships = no repayment

Loans = repayment

Where can I look for information on colleges and compare schools to one another?

You should already have a College Board account where you can access PSAT/SAT scores. There is a section of the College Board site called Big Future. This resource has tons of information on searching, finding, and comparing colleges, paying for college, and exploring careers. If you are logged into your College Board account you can even make a plan and save the information you have previously searched for.

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/?excmid=VT-00061>

Should I retake the SAT and/or the ACT?

If you need a higher score in order to gain admission to a school you are interested in attending then you should retake the SAT or ACT.

If you could possibly gain more scholarship money from a school you want to attend then you should retake the SAT or ACT. (Example = you scored a 24 on your ACT and if you score a 25 you will automatically earn \$2,000 more each year in scholarship money.)

If you retake one of the tests and receive a lower score it will not hurt you. Schools will always take the highest score and some schools will take superscores. A superscore means they will take the highest scores from each section across all the times you took the test and add them together to create a higher composite score.

How do I sign up to retake the SAT or ACT?

You can sign up to take the SAT at the link below:

<https://www.collegeboard.org/?navId=bf-cb>

You can sign up to take the ACT at the link below:

<http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act.html>

When do I need to make my final college decision?

You will need to notify the school you plan to attend by May 1st.

I am taking one or more dual credit classes and/or will participate in the First Semester program. How many college credits will I have when I graduate?

Department	NBHS Course	LLCC Code	# of credits
Agriculture	Agricultural Business Management	ABM 106	3 credits
Agriculture	Agriculture Sales & Marketing	ABM 202	3 credits
Agriculture	Greenhouse Production & Management (Fall)	HRT 100	1 credit
Agriculture	Greenhouse Production & Management (Spring)	HRT 102	3 credits
FACS	Career Seminar	ESI 101	2 credits
English	*Composition I	EGL 101	3 credits
English	*Composition II	EGL 102	3 credits
Spanish	Spanish III	SPA 101 & 102	8 credits
Spanish	Spanish IV	SPA 201	4 credits

Department	Course	LLCC Code	# of credits
First Semester	Public Speaking Fundamentals	CMN 101	3 credits
First Semester	*Introduction to Film as Literature	EGL 114	3 credits
First Semester	American Politics	POS 101	3 credits
First Semester	General Psychology	PSY 101	3 credits
First Semester	College Success Skills	CSS 100	2 credits

*Students must score a 22 or higher on the ACT English & Reading subsections or a 530 on SAT Reading & Writing subsection in order to be placed in these classes.

