**[12th Grade To Do List](http://sites.esu7.org/bcsguidance/?page_id=41" \o "Permanent Link to 12th Grade To Do List)**

**SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE: August**

* Sign up for the ACT if you didn’t take it as a junior, or if you aren’t satisfied with your score.
* Review ACT test results and retest if necessary.
* Set up a private email account. Your CCHS email account will not be useable after you graduate.

**SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE: August to December**

* Visit with your school counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admission requirements.
* Keep working hard all year; second semester grades can affect scholarship eligibility.
* Ask for personal references from teachers, school counselors, or employers early in the year or at least two weeks before application deadline
* Visit with college admissions counselors who come to your high school.
* Apply for admission at the colleges you’ve chosen and request your transcript to be sent.
* Avoid common college application mistakes. Proofread!!!
* Find out if you qualify for scholarships at each college where you have applied.
* Start the financial aid application process. The FAFSA website opens on October 1st.
* If you need it, get help completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
* Watch your email for your Student Aid Report (SAR)—it should arrive four weeks after the FAFSA is filed.
* See your school counselor for help finding financial aid and scholarships.

**SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE: January to May**

* Bring your school counselor a copy of your acceptance letter and any scholarships you have received.
* Compare financial aid packages from different schools.
* Decide which college to attend, and notify the school of your decision.
* Keep track of and observe college deadlines for sending in all required fees and paperwork.
* Notify schools you will not attend of your final college decision.
* Complete local scholarship and continue to look for other scholarship opportunities.
* Keep track of important financial aid and scholarship deadlines.
* Watch your email for your Student Aid Report (SAR)—it should arrive four weeks after the FAFSA is filed.
* Notify your college about any outside scholarships you received.
* Take any placement tests that your college requires prior to registering for classes.
* Watch for emails or letters with information about freshmen orientation and registration.
* Request your COLLEGE transcripts from NECC for any college credit you have earned.
* In May, request your final high school transcripts to be sent to the college you will attend.

**SENIOR YEAR TIMELINE: June to August**

* Attend Freshmen Orientation and/or Freshmen Registration.
* Getting a summer job can help pay some of your college expenses.
* Make a list of what you will need to take with you for your dorm room.
* If you haven’t met your roommate, call or e-mail to get acquainted in advance.
* Make sure housing documentation is quickly accessible when you move into the dorm.
* Learn how to get around at your new school. Review a campus map.