

Senior Checklist

- Memorize the graduation requirements for your class
- Take the most challenging courses you can handle – stretch yourself
- Keep your grades up! Do not get Senioritis! – Stay focused – Colleges can and will rescind offers of admission
- Make sure that you meet your service learning hour requirement for graduation and Bright Futures
- Schedule a post-secondary conference, if you have not already had one
- Keep a calendar of important dates and deadlines
- Apply for colleges early in your senior year – Goal Date: Sept. 15th
- Plan to apply to 3 – 5 schools having a dream school, a fall back school, and something in between
- Be sure that your application is complete (application, application fee [or fee waiver], transcripts [high school and dual enrollment], test scores, and any supplemental materials)
- Your senior year is **THE** year for scholarships – Apply, Apply, APPLY!
- Check with the financial aid office at each college or university to see if there are school specific scholarships that you can apply for
- Keep copies of all forms that you submit
- Stay on top of your college application – check status – use online status check when available
- Take/retake SAT/ACT (SAT subject tests if necessary)
- Get involved – stay involved – become a leader
- Consider taking the ASVAB exam (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery exam)
- Attend college visits held at your high school
- Attend College Fairs held in the Fall
- Continue the discussion with your parents about your plans for after high school
- Contact a recruiter if you plan to join the military
- Apply for college housing as soon as possible
- Complete the Bright Futures authorization (FFAA) after October 1st
- Attend a free Financial Aid workshop
- Complete a FAFSA (**F**ree Application for Federal Student Aid – www.fafsa.ed.gov) as soon after October 1st as possible
- If you have applied for financial aid, review your SAR (Student Aid Report) and send it to all institutions that you applied to
- Take industry certification exams
- Visit college campuses before making your final decision
- Keep your BRACE Advisor aware of all post-secondary acceptances and scholarship awards received