



12TH Grade Checklist

Your 12th grade year should be focused on earning your ticket to the future—your high school diploma. Use these tips as a guide for college-bound readiness and a positive 12th grade experience.

- Don't forget the value of fourth year math, science and English courses.**
Take advantage of dual credit and/or AP courses.
- Review your transcript first thing in the fall.** If you are behind in your credits, make an appointment with your guidance counselor and create an early intervention plan. Advocate for yourself to stay focused on the goal.
- Update and finalize your high school portfolio or journal.**
- Review your personal graduation plan.** How well have you done on your goals? Have your career ideas changed? Find a short-term internship in your first choice career field.
- Continue to be active in your school and community.** Volunteer again this year. Can you put in 10 hours per quarter? You're a senior — lead a project! Get involved and make a difference.
- Immediately begin the application process for your top five college choices.**
You should plan to meet the early registration deadline, which is usually November 1.
- Work on identifying and applying for scholarships.** Consider local service organizations: Kiwanis, Lions, Optimists and Rotary. Remember to subscribe to these scholarship websites: fastweb.com and findtuition.com.
- Ask for reference letters.** Ask two teachers, a guidance counselor and/or an administrator to write references for you to submit with your college application. Be considerate and ask them early in September to allow time for completion before the first of October. Provide them with an outline of your high school involvement: clubs, performing arts, athletics, awards, internships, leadership experiences and other activities you are proud of.
- Work with family members to prepare the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** in December and early January. Aid is given on a first-come/first-served basis and you can submit beginning February 1. Go online to fasa.ed.gov and request an electronic pin to ensure a faster and easier financial aid experience.
- Collaborate with your classmates and begin a plan for future alumni activities.**

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