

COLLEGE COUNTDOWN



August/September –

- Register to take or re-take the SAT or ACT.
- Begin to narrow your college choices. If you're still deciding...meet with admissions representatives who visit NEHS, attend a college fair, or a fall open house, etc.
- Collect college applications. Make a list of deadlines for college applications & financial aid forms.
- Set academic goals. While a college may make an admissions decision before first marking period grades are posted don't think for one moment that they don't care about your senior year grades. Schools **will** ask for mid-year and final grades.
- Attend NEHS's Financial Aid Night (mid to late September).

October –

- Visit any of your college choices that you haven't seen already.
- Take care of college application basics...prepare your essay, contact teachers or employers for letters of recommendation (give advanced notice).
- Find out which financial aid forms your college choices require and when the forms are due.
- Have your heart set on a particular school...why wait? Complete your application by Halloween!
- Begin to investigate available scholarships.
- Submit your FAFSA as early as October 1st.

November –

- Look out for November deadlines!!!
- The early bird gets the worm. Try your best to submit your applications no later than Thanksgiving.
- Review your academic goals...are you keeping your grades up?
- Have you taken the SAT yet? Are you in need of higher scores? If yes, register for the December test!
- Are you hoping to play D1 or D2 college athletics? If so register with the NCAA.

December –

- Procrastinators...submit your applications!!!
- Are you searching for scholarships? Have you looked at the scholarship page on the nesd1.org web page? Most of the scholarships listed are local!!!

January –

- Continue to investigate available scholarships on-line, in the guidance office, etc.
- Submit your FAFSA, if you haven't done so already.

February –

- Don't forget to register with the NCAA if you plan to play D1 or D2 college sports.
- Do you need to adjust your FAFSA due to a financial issue (income loss/ medical expenses), etc.?

March –

- Keep searching for scholarships.
- The fourth marking period is here!!! You have one last shot at finishing this year on a positive note. Keep your grades up!!!

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April –

- Look for admissions notices in the mail!
- Carefully review financial aid award packages. Consider the tuition vs. your financial aid award. *Can you afford to attend?*
- Make a list of deadlines for your chosen school...housing, financial aid, etc.

May –

- Decide where you're going to attend and submit necessary deposits, etc. Notify all other schools of your decision.
- Notify the guidance office of acceptances, scholarships received, etc. We need to know where you're going in order to mail a final transcript.

June –

- Earning money at a summer job is crucial! Tuition and books aren't the only fees you'll encounter. Transportation, food, dorm room supplies, laundry, etc...It all adds up! Even if you plan to live at home...gas, lunch on campus, etc. The more you earn over the summer the better.

IMPORTANT Q &A

To better understand your goals, needs, abilities, and habits complete the following questionnaire. The more you know about yourself the better you will be able to find a perfect college match.

WHAT AM I REALLY INTERESTED IN?

Favorite Courses:

Favorite Activities:

Hobbies:

Majors That Interest Me:

Athletics:

Would I be satisfied playing on an intramural or club team?

HOW PREPARED AM I REALLY?

My GPA: _____ My Class Rank: _____

My SAT/PSAT/ACT scores: _____

AP or honors courses I've taken: _____

HOW INDEPENDENT AM I?

How close am I to my family and friends?

Do I work better on my own or with help?

What's the longest I've ever been away from home?

Did I enjoy it?

How often would I like to see my family during the school year?

WHAT IS MY LEARNING STYLE?

Do I often participate in class?

Am I most productive with lots of students around or in smaller groups?

Do I feel more comfortable in the city, in the country, or somewhere in between?

WHAT ARE MY EXPECTATIONS?

What part of high school might I like to see repeated at college?

How do I hope college is different?

