

Class of 2026 Senior Year Timeline

September

- Register for the October/November SAT, if necessary – www.collegeboard.com
- Register for October 18 ACT (not at NSHS), if necessary – www.act.org
- Review your transcript for corrections
- Make an individual appointment with your school counselor to discuss deadlines and where you will be applying. Make sure you have a safety school on your list. Your essays and resume should be almost complete by now. Have your counselor and teachers look them over.
- Ask teachers for a letter of recommendation – write thank you notes!
- Continue to challenge yourself academically AND keep your grades up!
- Attend individual college visits and mini-fairs
- 9/13/25 - SAT Exam (not at NSHS)
- **9/14/25 - NACAC LI National College Fair 11am-3pm Nassau Coliseum**
- **9/16/25 - Mini-College Fair 1-2:30pm - lower ramp**
- **9/17/25 - Senior Parent College Night - 7pm HS Theatre**
- **9/30/25 Fall College Expo at Adelphi University - 5:30-8:30pm**

October

- 10/1 – The CSS Profile is available
- 10/1 - FAFSA is available <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
- 10/3 – processing forms due to counseling office for 10/15 application deadline
- Officially send your SAT and/or ACT scores to your colleges. North Shore does not submit test scores on your behalf.
- **SAT exam for October: 10/4/25 (at NSHS)**
- **10/6/25 - Mini-College Fair 11-12:30 - lower ramp**
- **10/14 - 7pm - Financial Aid Night - virtual (presentation will be recorded)**
- 10/17 - processing forms due to counseling office for 11/01 application deadline
- **ACT exam for October: 10/18/25 (not at NSHS)**
- Watch your deadlines! Most ED or EA deadlines are due to guidance by October 17th.
- Pay attention to colleges that will be visiting North Shore. Many times these representatives will be the ones reviewing your application. Say hello, smile, and ask questions!
- Review and finalize your essays and applications for November deadlines

November, December

- 11/1 - Early Decision and Early Action deadline for most colleges
- 11/3 - processing forms due to counseling office for 11/15 application deadline
- **SAT exam for November 11/8/25**
- 11/17 - processing forms due to counseling office for 12/01 application deadline
- Review scholarship information in Naviance and on the Counseling webpage [HERE](#)
- Send 1st quarter grades to any college may request them (not typically required)
- 12/17 - processing forms due to counseling office for 01/01 application deadline

January

- Mid-year grades will be sent to colleges
- Review scholarship information in Naviance and on the Counseling webpage [HERE](#)
- If accepted Early Decision, withdraw all other applications to help out your classmates.

February – April

- As you start to hear back from colleges please let your counselor know where you are accepted
- Visit colleges
- Compare financial aid packages
- If you are waitlisted from a college discuss strategy with your counselor
- Make your final decision by May

May, June

- 5/1/26 – College Decision Day – come to school dressed in your college gear
- Prepare for your AP/IB exams
- Let your counselor know your post high school plans and we will send your final transcript after graduation