

Junior Mid-Year Timeline

Class of 2027

January - February

- Schedule an individual appointment with your counselor to discuss post-high school plans.
- Start preparing for the SAT. Utilize Khan Academy and/or Method Test Prep
- **February 14, 2026 ACT exam**
- **February 27, 2026** registration deadline for the **March 14th SAT exam**

March

- **March 6, 2026** registration deadline for the **April 11th ACT exam**
- **March 14, 2026 SAT exam (not at NSHS)**
- Begin to prepare for any AP/IB exams in May
- Start the search for summer jobs, internships, research or volunteer opportunities — see your counselor for suggestions
- Request letter of recommendation from your teachers
- Research Naviance for updated information on college statistics and acceptances from the Class of 2024 and 2025

April

- **April 11, 2026 ACT exam (at NSHS)**
- **April 17, 2026** registration deadline for the **May 2, 2026 SAT exam**
- Attend local spring college fairs (information available in the guidance office)
- Visit colleges virtually or in-person

May

- **May 2nd, 2026 SAT exam (at NSHS)**
- **May 22nd** registration deadline for the **June 6th SAT exam**
- **May 8th** registration deadline for the **June 11th ACT exam**
- Make a resume of your activities, accomplishments, and work experience
- Finalize your list of colleges to visit or that you might apply to. Make plans to visit schools over the summer if possible
- Confirm with academic teachers regarding recommendation letters and return form to guidance

June

- **June 6th SAT exam (not at NSHS)**
- **June 13th ACT exam (not at NSHS)**
- **June 5th** registration deadline for **July 11th ACT exam**
- Make the most out of your summer! Continue to work on your essay and applications.
- Complete the main sections of the Common Application (www.commonapp.org)

July, August

- July is a great time to work on your Common App and personal statement
- The college specific supplemental essays will be released in August
- **July 11, 2026 ACT exam**
- **July** registration deadline for **August 23rd SAT exam**
- **August 14** registration deadline for **September ACT exam**
- **August 15, 2026 SAT exam**

September

- Register for the October/November SAT, if necessary – www.collegeboard.com
- **September 11, 2026** registration deadline for **October ACT**
- **September 12, 2026– SAT exam @ North Shore**
- **September 16, 2026– Senior College Night**
- **September 19, 2026– ACT exam**
- Review your transcript for corrections and return the transcript verification form to your counselor.
- Schedule an individual appointment with your school counselor to discuss deadlines and where you will be applying.
- Confirm with your counselor that there is a safety school on your list.
- Finalize essays and resume. Have your counselor and teachers or someone you trust review them.
- Ask teachers for a letter of recommendation – write thank you notes!
- **September 28th** registration deadline for **October 7th SAT exam**
- Have an English teacher review your college essay
- Continue to challenge yourself academically AND keep your grades up!
- Attend individual college visits

October

- 10/1 - processing forms due to counseling office for 10/15 application deadlines
- 10/1 – FAFSA is available <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa>
- 10/1 – The CSS Profile is available - <https://profile.collegeboard.org/profile/ppi/participatingInstitutions.aspx>
- **October 3rd, 2026 – SAT exam**
- **October 17, 2026 - ACT exam**
- 10/18 - processing forms due to counseling office for 11/01 application deadline
- **October 23rd** registration deadline for **November 7th SAT exam**
- Watch your deadlines!
- Pay attention to colleges that will be visiting North Shore. These representatives will most likely review your application. Say hello, smile, and ask questions!
- Review and finalize your essays and applications for November deadlines

November, December

- 10/31 - processing forms due to counseling office for 11/15 application deadline
- **November 6th, 2026** registration deadline for **December 12th ACT exam**
- **November 7th, 2026– SAT exam**
- 11/15 - processing forms due to counseling office for 12/01 application deadline
- Review scholarship information on counseling webpage (Viking Quest Scholarship Site)
- Check college portals to confirm receipt of all necessary documentation
- Send 1st quarter grades to any college may request them (not typically required)
- **December 5th, 2026 - SAT exam**
- **December 12, 2026 - ACT exam**
- 12/17 - processing forms due to counseling office for 01/01 application deadline