

# SENIOR CHECKLIST AND INFORMATION

## November

- Senior Experience Decisions/Letter of Intent (these were due beginning of October)
- Check ACT/Accuplacer Test Status
  - Have you taken or scheduled the Accuplacer if you plan on attending a technical college?
  - Have you taken or registered for the ACT if you plan on attending a 4-year university?
    - Not required for admissions this year; however, required for scholarship opportunity
- College Application Week lasts through November 30
  - All seniors may apply to a public South Dakota University or Technical College and have their application fee waived

For more information on Free App Week, visit:

<https://ourdakotadreams.com/exploring-colleges/free-college-application-period/>

- Schedule Accuplacer with technical college of choice. These test scores can be transferred to another technical institute
- Check technical college program of interest for required program tests
- ACT on December 9, registration is November 3
- Next ACT date is February 10, registration due January 5
- College/Technical School Visits – Seniors given 3 days (more approved through principal if needed) Must arrange visit through Mrs. Schultz to be approved as absent exempt
- College/Technical College Application
- Dual Credit Registration for Spring Semester
  - Dual Credit Enrollment Options
    - College/University/Technical College web sites
    - Apply online – SDMyLife.com
      - College Planning
      - Dual Credit
      - Method 1 if first time dual credit student
        - Complete and print verification forms for parent signature
        - Turn in to Mrs. Schultz for signature and submission to postsecondary school
      - Method 2 if already taken dual credit classes
        - All signatures done through DocuSign
        - Parent first
        - Administrator 2nd
      - Due December 6, 2023
  - Testing Practice
    - [www.xello.com](http://www.xello.com)
      - Method Test Prep/ACT Prep
    - Edgenuity – see Mrs. Schultz
    - [Academy.act.org](http://Academy.act.org)
  - Check FAFSA Priority Deadline for your postsecondary school
  - Financial aid advisors at various colleges/technical school institutes will help you through the process.

## December

- ACT Test Date Saturday, December 9
- Accuplacer Test – should be scheduled or completed
- Placement Tests at colleges/universities
  - Students can contact their choice of university to take placement tests to avoid taking remedial classes if ACT scores are low
- CLEP Tests at colleges/university
  - Can be scheduled through the university
  - If student scores high enough, they enroll in higher level English and Math classes
- Remediation Course Options for low scores
  - May have received a letter regarding ACT scores not meeting requirements for 100 level courses at postsecondary institutes
  - See Mrs. Schultz for options to avoid zero level courses at college
- Apply to Technical College
  - Many technical programs fill early
  - Ask for personal references from teachers, school counselors, or employers early in the year or at least two weeks before application deadlines
    - Ask early
    - Choose wisely
    - Say thank you

## January

- College/Technical College visits and applications
- Once applied and accepted, be sure to follow directions carefully. Submit required forms and notify the other schools to which you applied of your decision.
  - If you don't hear follow through
- Continue to focus on grades and co-curricular activities.
- ACT Registration Due January 5 for February 10 Test Date
- February last ACT test scores accepted for NAIA/NCAA eligibility (playing sports at college)
- Register to take March ACT which will be offered in school with Mrs. Schultz
  - Must sign up with Mrs. Schultz by January 5
- Scholarship Applications
  - Mrs. Schultz emails information on all scholarship information received by school
  - Check with college/university/technical school for scholarship opportunities
  - Do not pay for scholarships
  - Build Dakota Scholarship (Technical School)
    - <https://www.builddakotascholarships.com/>
  - Dakota Corp Scholarship (4-year in a high need career area)
    - <https://www.sdbor.edu/dakotacorps/Pages/welcome.aspx>

## February

- A must to apply to colleges/universities/technical colleges
  - Request school to send transcript to school of choice
- ACT Test Date Saturday, February 10
- ACT Registration due March 8 for April 13
- Scholarship Applications
  - Mrs. Schultz emails information on all scholarship information received by school

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## March

- ACT will be offered at school March 6
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## April

- ACT Test Date April 13
- Keep grades up
- Finish Senior Projects
- Senior Project Expo April 24 5:00-6:30

## May

- Senior Project Jury Day May 8 8:30 AM-2:00 PM
- Postsecondary orientation/registration
  - Schedule this early for class option purposes
- Verify all future postsecondary paperwork is completed
- Have final high school transcript sent to your future school/program
- Send thank you notes to everyone who helped you in the application process or the scholarship process
- Keep on top of procuring student loans. Notify your college if you receive any scholarships.
- Graduation Saturday, May 18, 2024 @ 3:00
- SD Opportunity Scholarship
  - Complete application with Mrs. Schultz so these can be sent with final transcripts by June 1

## May-June

- Read all mailings from your college/technical school carefully. Often important registration and housing material is sent in the summer.
- Register for your classes as soon as possible. Classes often fill and registration is usually on a first-come, first-served basis.
- When you get your housing assignment, take advantage of the summer to get to know your roommate.

- If you are playing a collegiate sport, you will need to complete the NAIA or NCAA eligibility online portfolio ASAP – sooner the better.

## August

- Off to college/training!!!! Good Luck!!!