

SENIOR YEAR **CHECKLIST**



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ALL YEAR

- **Work hard to keep a high GPA**
- **Apply to colleges & trade schools**
- **Search & apply for scholarships**
- **Talk with military, college, and vocational school representatives**
- **Keep a calendar, schedule or agenda**
- **Keep a folder of your accomplishments, such as awards, certificates, community service log, job shadowing & internship letters of participation**
- **Stay involved in extracurricular/volunteer activities**
- **Communicate with your parents or a trusted adult about your plans for the future**
- **Save money for your future**



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SEPTEMBER

■ Set up Parchment account for transcript requests

■ Start selecting and applying to colleges

■ Log in to the Class of 2024 Google Classroom

Class code: drs32oc

■ Meet with Mrs. Phillips to finalize your College and Career plan



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OCTOBER - NOVEMBER

■ Request transcripts through Parchment

■ Meet with recruiters if you are interested in joining the military

■ Set up your FSA ID

■ Search private, local and school-specific scholarships

■ Check out these scholarship resources:

College Greenlight
Fastweb



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DECEMBER

- Complete the FREE application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Complete your CCS profile for additional aid
- Retake the SAT/ACT if needed
- Make sure applications have been received by your colleges
- Study for final exams



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JANUARY - FEBRUARY

■ **File your income taxes**

■ **Submit any additional college applications**

■ **Continue to apply for all scholarships**

■ **If you are interested in entering the workforce, explore different occupations and learn about career and technical programs.**

Illinois Work Net
Education Planner



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MARCH - APRIL

- **Submit/update FAFSA**
- **Celebrate your acceptances. Let your counselor and recommenders know of your acceptances, so they can celebrate with you!**
- **Review financial aid award letters from the colleges you have been accepted to**
- **Complete the enrollment process at the college or trade school you will be attending.**
- **Send an email to the colleges that you will not be attending to let them know of your plans**



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MAY - JULY

- **National College Decision Day - May 1**
- **Continue to check your college portal for information regarding class registration, new student orientation, and move-in information**
- **Request your FINAL AHS transcript to be sent through Parchment (Request before July 1)**
- **Request your FINAL Dual Credit transcript to be sent through the Dual Credit provider**
 - Eastern Illinois University
 - Parkland College
 - Lake Land College

