

Senior Year Checklist -College Bound

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<p>Jostens/Graduation Cap & Gown</p> <p>**All students must have a cap and gown in order to walk at graduation**</p> <p>Graduation will be on May 24, 2024.</p>	<p>Order BEFORE January 2024 to get the cheapest rate!! If you are unable to purchase due to financial circumstances, let your School Counselor know ASAP.</p> <p>CLICK HERE to purchase the cap & gown unit (\$45.19 including tax & service fees) -this includes cap, gown, & tassel OR</p> <p>CLICK HERE to checkout package options (prices vary)</p>
<p>Graduation Cords, Stoles, & Medals</p>	<p>If you will be graduating as an NC Scholar or with Honors you will have to purchase your items through the school. Email notifications will go out second semester to those who qualify after the 3rd nine weeks grades have been finalized.</p> <p>For more information about graduating with honors, please refer to the Gaston County Curriculum Guide -page 5 and 6</p>
<p>Senior Communication</p> <p>Complete RDS</p> <p>Complete the Residency Determination Application HERE by logging in with your CFNC account log-in</p>	<p>Seniors should make sure they have joined the BCHS Class of 2024 Google Classroom. Invites were sent through email.</p> <p>Follow our School Counseling Instagram page: @yellowjacketcounselors</p> <p>RDS helps to determine your in state residency status in regards to tuition (you want it to say In-State). Complete your RDS application carefully because the appeal process is lengthy if you input wrong information.</p> <p>What you will need to complete RDS: student and parents' social security numbers, parents' birthdate, parents' drivers license numbers, parents' 2022 tax return (what they filed this year), and how they filed (married filing jointly, single, etc), and whether they filed by mail or electronically.</p>

<p>Apply to College</p> <p>CLICK HERE to checkout college admissions averages</p>	<p>Whether you are applying to a 4 year college, community college, or technical school -first check the application deadline!</p> <p>To find a list of college deadlines, CLICK HERE</p> <p>4 Year College: apply to the early application deadlines! You have a greater chance at being accepted and will be considered for scholarships/grants specific for that college. *Be careful that the deadline is NOT a binding application. Early Decision is BINDING Early Action is NOT Binding</p> <p>Most NC Colleges use either CFNC or Common App for their applications.</p>
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<p>Complete the FAFSA</p> <p>Steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Both the parent and student need to create an FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov/ 2. Student log-ins and apply for aid at studentaid.ed.gov 	<p>The FAFSA opens sometime in December this year and the sooner you apply the more likely you are to receive more aid.</p> <p>What you will need to complete the FAFSA: parent's tax returns they filed this year for 2022, student's tax returns (if applicable) social security number, drivers license</p>
<p>Scholarships</p> <p>Check for scholarships often, because many scholarship applications open up throughout the school year</p> <p>Recommendations</p>	<p>Scholarships are free money that you will not have to pay back to assist you in paying for college. There are many ways to receive scholarships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply by the Early Action deadlines for colleges and complete your FAFSA application • Look at scholarship resources HERE • Apply to scholarships on the BCHS page <p>Many scholarships require recommendations from either a teacher, coach, school counselor, principal, or community member. To help them better write a recommendation, complete a STUDENT PROFILE to give to them. Please give your recommender at least two weeks to write your recommendation. If you wait till the last minute to ask, they may say they cannot write one or what they write may not be a great letter.</p>

<p>Send Your Transcript</p> <p>You will need to send your high school transcript to any college you apply to or for scholarships. If you have taken any college classes, you will need to send your college transcript as well.</p>	<p>There are two times in the year you will need to send your transcript to a college, 1) when you submit your college application, 2) at the end of the year before graduation (only to the college you have committed to)</p> <p>If you complete your college application through CFNC, there is an option to also send your transcript as part of the application. If you need assistance, please see your counselor.</p> <p>To submit your Gaston College transcript, visit THIS WEBSITE to find out how to request an official, or unofficial, transcript.</p>
<p>Send Your Test Scores</p> <p>CLICK HERE for ACT/SAT test dates and locations</p> <p><i>*Some colleges/universities are not requiring ACT/SAT score(s). Checkout their admissions page to see if the college you have interest in, if this applies..</i></p>	<p>To send your ACT score(s), please CLICK HERE for directions If the only ACT you have ever taken was the school-wide test in February, please email me and I will assist you in creating your account.</p> <p>To send your SAT score(s), please CLICK HERE for directions</p> <p>It is recommended that students who are applying to a four year college take both the ACT and SAT once if possible, and then retake whichever test you scored highest on.</p> <p>If you qualify for free or reduced lunch, please contact your school counselor for an ACT or SAT fee waiver. Students who qualify can take either or both tests up to two times for free.</p>

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<p>Prepare for a Job</p>	<p>Checkout ONET Online to explore career opportunities. This website will allow you to explore thousands of careers, salaries, and job skills required for the career.</p> <p>CFNC.org allows you to take career interest assessments to help you discover jobs within your field of interest, and plan your career path.</p>

<p>Search for Jobs</p>	<p>Meet with our Career Development Coordinator, Coach Short, for assistance in searching for a career in the area.</p> <p>Checkout the following websites that post open positions: Indeed.com Snagajob.com Glassdoor.com</p>
<p>WorkKeys</p>	<p>Take the WorkKeys assessment if eligible, you will be notified by the testing coordinator closer to the test date if you are eligible. This assessment is free for high school students, for more information visit THIS WEBSITE</p>
<p>Character Reference and/or Recommendation</p>	<p>You may need a character reference/recommendation for job applications, start thinking about who could write this for you and ask them if you can use them as a reference.</p>

**Military Bound
Students**

Checkout our recruiter information [HERE](#)

Steps:

1. Talk to a recruiter
2. Have a parent sign the parental consent
3. Request a transcript to provide your recruiter
4. Take the ASVAB

Make sure to continue performing well academically, recruiters will ask for updated grades and projected graduation dates.