

SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST CLASS OF 2024

- ☐ Meet with your school counselor
- ☐ Review your graduation requirements. Will you meet all requirements?

	Credits Required	Current Progress	Projected by Graduation
Total	52		
Language Arts	8		
Math	6		
Science	6		
Social Studies	6		
PE	4 (1 Each Year)		
Health	1		

- ☐ Decide on tentative career plans. What are your plans? _____
- ☐ What type of training/college does your career goal require? _____

See next page for checklist items to complete.

☐ Important Items for All Seniors

- ☐ Males: Register for the Selective Service after your 18th birthday at sss.gov.
- ☐ Athletes: Check college eligibility requirements. If you want to play at an NCAA or NAIA school, you must register with their clearinghouse and have your transcript and ACT scores sent. This is YOUR responsibility, not your coach's or your counselor's.
- ☐ October 5th: Be part of the Class of 2024 photo at 10:30 AM in upper gym.
- ☐ October 5th: Attend senior class meeting in auditorium at 11 AM.
- ☐ TBD: Deadline to order cap and gown.
- ☐ December 1: Yearbook photo should be emailed from photographer to thurmm@newton.k12.ia.us. After January 1, the yearbook staff will take photos for any seniors that didn't submit a photo.
- ☐ March: Dollars for Scholarship Applications are due March 1st. There will be a Scholarship Application Day the week before to give you assistance with the application if needed.
- ☐ March: Attend senior class meeting at 10:30 AM to pick up your cap and gown and hear important graduation information.
- ☐ April 10th (12:00-3:30 PM): Attend senior interview at DMACC.
- ☐ May 1st: Decision Day - Wear a t-shirt representing your post high school journey whether that's a college shirt or a company shirt or whatever suits your plans. We will take a group photo that day.
- ☐ May 3rd @ 11:00 am: Attend SENIOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY.
- ☐ May 16th: Seniors last school day 🎓👋👋
- ☐ May 17th: Graduation Rehearsal 9:00 AM
- ☐ May 19th: Graduation Ceremonies 3:00 PM
- ☐ June 20th: NHS does not have your DMACC transcript. To transfer college credits from DMACC to another college, you should request your transcript from DMACC after this date if you are taking a second semester course. DMACC won't begin sending them until this date.



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Military

- ☐ Do your research at www.military.com.
- ☐ Take the ASVAB. It's offered 12/18/23 at 9:00 AM at NHS or any time at the MEPS in Des Moines.
- ☐ Meet with recruiters to determine which branch to join and which career will suit you.
- ☐ Prepare for the physical exam and fitness requirements.
- ☐ Have your school counselor complete your High School Graduation Status Verification form or letter.
- ☐ Determine enlistment date. Some careers require ship dates prior to graduation. NHS cannot make your graduation date different than 05/19/2024.

Apprenticeship or Trade School

- ☐ Check out <https://www.futurereadyiowa.gov/registered-apprenticeship> and <https://www.centraliowabuildingtrades.org/>.
- ☐ After you turn 18, fill out the appropriate application. Not sure who to talk to or which application you need? Check out www.earnandlearniowa.gov.
- ☐ Complete any required tests and paperwork.
- ☐ Get hired!

Community College

- ☐ Determine which community college has the career program you need.
- ☐ Apply online at their website for admission. It's free and will only take 15 minutes.
- ☐ If your program has cut scores (for example Nursing or Dental), take the Accuplacer exam at DMACC in Newton any day of the week. Just call 791-3622 to schedule. You can send your scores to another community college.
- ☐ Take the ALEKS exam if your program requires a college math class. This is an online math assessment.
 - ☐ <https://go.dmacc.edu/careeradvantage/quickapp/pages/directions.aspx>
 - ☐ <https://go.dmacc.edu/mathplacement/Pages/welcome.aspx>
- ☐ Complete the FAFSA at <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa> after Dec. 1st. This is the step needed to obtain grants and need based scholarships (aka FREE MONEY!). Check the college's financial aid priority deadline. If you need help, schedule a meeting with the Iowa College Access Network for free assistance <https://www.schedulicity.com/scheduling/ICARUB>.
- ☐ Search for scholarships. Don't ever pay for a scholarship search!
 - ☐ <https://www.newtoncsd.org/parents-students/scholarships>
 - ☐ <https://www.icansucceed.org/ican-scholarship-database>
 - ☐ <https://www.fastweb.com/> or <https://www.scholarships.com/>
 - ☐ <https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/ScholarshipsAndGrants>



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Four Year College

- ☐ Determine which colleges have the major that will correspond to your career goal. Determine if you can meet their admission requirements. Research online (Need a starting point?
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search>)
- ☐ Arrange college visits!
- ☐ Determine what you can afford. Check your college's Net Price Calculator. Meet with your family to determine what resources are available. Will you be able to repay your loans with the career you chose? Use the Debt Wizard at <http://mappingyourfuture.org/paying/debtwizard/>.
- ☐ Going to a state school in Iowa? Calculate your Regent Admission Index at <https://www.iowaregents.edu/institutions/higher-education-links/regent-admission-index/rai-calculator/>.
- ☐ Current unofficial score _____ (≥ 245 = automatic admission).
 - ☐ ACT Score _____
 - ☐ Cumulative GPA _____
 - ☐ Completed Core Courses _____
(Credits do not equal carnegie units... Credits/2)
- ☐ Apply online at their website for admission. Some schools will have an application fee. Some students may qualify for a fee waiver. Check with your counselor.
- ☐ Take the ACT exam. Register by the deadline at www.actstudent.org. Have official scores sent to the college directly. NHS will offer the exam 10/31/23. Other dates are available in other cities.
- ☐ Request your transcript be sent to the colleges to which you have applied from Donna Plumb. Your first transcript is free; each after that is a \$1 charge.
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 - ☐ <https://www.fastweb.com/> or <https://www.scholarships.com/>
 - ☐ <https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/ScholarshipsAndGrants>
- ☐ Obtain recommendation letters if requested. Provide a resume or complete a request form at least two weeks prior to the deadline to the person you are asking to write your letter. Choose wisely!
- ☐ Compare award letters and make final plans on where to attend.
- ☐ Complete housing application, roommate questionnaires, and send deposits.
- ☐ Schedule your orientation after your graduation date.

Questions? Contact your School Counselor

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