

SENIOR YEAR CHECKLIST

CLASS OF 2021

- ☐ 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 1st: Attend senior class meeting in auditorium at 10 AM.
- ☐ October 9th: Deadline to order cap and gown. Pick up your senior packet on the table outside the main office.
- ☐ October 9th: Be part of the Class of 2021 photo at 9:30 AM in upper gym.
- ☐ January 2nd: Yearbook photo should be emailed from photographer to nhsmedia@newton.k12.ia.us
- ☐ March: Dollars for Scholarship Applications are due March 8th. There will be a Scholarship Application Day March 3rd to give you assistance with the application if needed.
- ☐ April 1st: Attend senior class meeting at 11 AM to pick up your cap and gown and hear important graduation information.
- ☐ April 21st: Attend senior interview at DMACC.
- ☐ April 30th: Decision Day - Email photo of you wearing your college/military/workforce shirt to fitzgeralds@newton.k12.ia.us by April 23rd to be included in a Decision Day Video. Then wear your shirt on Decision Day.
- ☐ May 7th @ 11:00 am: Attend SENIOR AWARDS ASSEMBLY.
- ☐ May 27th: Seniors last school day 🎓🕶️👏
- ☐ May 28th:
 - ☐ Graduation Rehearsal 9:00 AM
 - ☐ Senior Walk at elementaries and middle school 1:30 PM
- ☐ May 30th: Graduation Ceremonies 3:00 PM
- ☐ June 12th: NHS does not have your DMACC transcript. To transfer college credits from DMACC to another college, you should request your transcript from DMACC prior to this date. DMACC will begin sending them on this date.

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Military

- ☐ Do your research at www.military.com.
- ☐ Take the ASVAB. It's offered 9/24/20, 11/19/20, or 3/25/21 at 9:30 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 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 05/30/2021.

Apprenticeship or Trade School

- ☐ Check out <https://www.futurereadyiowa.gov/registered-apprenticeship>.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ 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. 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 Oct. 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.
- ☐ Going to a state school in Iowa? Calculate your Regent Admission Index at <https://www.iowaregents.edu/institutions/higher-education-links/regent-admission-index/ai-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 exam dates are 12/12/20, 02/06/21, and 04/17/21.
- ☐ 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.