



Class of 2023 Senior Handbook

GENERAL INFORMATION

<p>Get organized. That means taking care of your physical and mental well-being. Get proper rest and eat a balanced diet. Have some method to keep track of your work, studies, commitments, (meetings, appointments, etc.), and plan your time and responsibilities accordingly.</p>
<p>Be able to evaluate and prioritize all the things you must/might have to deal with on a daily/monthly/yearly basis. Use of the Agenda during senior year would be a good practice.</p>
<p>Set long and short-term goals and evaluate your progress toward them on a regular basis.</p>
<p>Work hard to improve your verbal and written communications skills. Colleges require homework/papers more frequently than in high school.</p>
<p>If you plan to play sports in college, stop in the Counseling Office to see if you need to fill out NCAA eligibility forms and/or check with Mr. Kedley or your coach.</p>
<p>If you need letters of recommendation from and/or forms completed by faculty or staff members, ask them well in advance of deadlines so they have time to do them. Please give them a <i>Recommendation Request</i> form (found in the Counseling Office)</p>
<p>Listen to/read announcements in the daily bulletin.</p>
<p>Start a file of post-high school plans.</p>
<p>Make copies of EVERYTHING you send to colleges/employers.</p>
<p>Open and carefully read all correspondence sent to you. (Sometimes very important mail may look like junk mail)</p>
<p>Get your parents involved with college/military/ job application process</p>
<p>Males must register for Selective Service—this MUST be done between your 17th birthday and 30 days after your 18th birthday. You may register online at www.sss.gov. If you do not register, you will be not be able to apply for federal financial aid.</p>

FEBRUARY

Finish college applications
Continue scholarship search
Continue work on financial aid and housing
Submit a transcript request form
Carefully examine Student Aid Report when you get it from FAFSA
Prioritize college choices
Be very diligent to meet all deadlines and follow all instructions very carefully
Make sure you understand all correspondence received. When in doubt, ask your counselor, the college, or perspective employers
Begin to seek full time employment prospects for June
Visit with military or college reps making second round of visits
Start studying for final exams

MARCH

Continue housing and financial aid processes at colleges
Follow up on all correspondence from colleges promptly
Prioritize college choices
Continue scholarship search (many local scholarships become available in the Spring)
Watch for Student Aid Report to come from FAFSA
Study/do well on final exams for trimester two
Review Trimester 3 schedule for proper courses
Make sure you have Student Aid Report sent to all colleges you are considering (designate this on FAFSA application)
Check academic progress/status in courses
Watch for Financial Aid Award letters from colleges you have been accepted to
Continue job search
Begin applying for full-time employment to begin in June (if needed)

APRIL

Finalize / edit resume if necessary
Continue search for job information and applications (if needed)
Submit job applications for full-time work beginning in June
Continue scholarship search
Compare Financial Aid Award letters from colleges
Determine costs you will have to pay as you attend college or pay back after finishing your education when comparing costs of education
Follow up on all materials received from colleges on housing, financial aid, registration, etc. for all colleges you are still considering
Monitor progress / grades
Evaluate Trimester 2 report card and how you can improve
Start studying for final tests
Send/submit college acceptance letters and notify the colleges you don't plan on attending
Begin graduation plans / arrangements
Enjoy Prom!!

MAY

Study/do well on final exams
Submit job applications for full-time employment
Make final decision on college, apprenticeship, or military
Finalize financial aid and housing plans for the school you will attend
Prepare for graduation
Submit transcript requests to the Counseling Office and to NICC and/or Kirkwood
Continue scholarship search even through college (scholarships are always available)

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY GRADUATION!

SUMMER - AFTER GRADUATION

Begin your first "real" job
Submit transcript requests to NICC or Kirkwood for them to send your transcripts to the college you will be attending in the fall
Gather materials to take to college
Follow up on all correspondence
Make final financial arrangements
Notify colleges you will not attend (if needed)
Have fun!

JOB APPLICATION PROCESS

Narrow career choices
Try to get a mentoring position in your field of interest
Prepare resume
Look to see what jobs are available and where
Do background homework on the job and company
Apply for jobs
Follow up with any contact the company makes with you
Ask 3 people to be your reference (ask them <u>before</u> you apply)

This handbook comes to you as a tool and outline of some of the important things you will have to do before you leave Cascade High School. By no means are the lists all-inclusive. However, they are meant to be guidelines for you throughout your last year at CHS. The counseling department is available to you as much or as little as you choose to use it. Please do not hesitate to see us if you need anything; we are here to help! We wish you much success throughout your senior year and in your future endeavors!!

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