

SENIOR CHECKLIST

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

- Review your graduation status with your counselor.
- Register to take the ASSET/Accuplacer test if you are planning to attend a technical college.
- If you plan to attend a college or university, register for the SAT or ACT. Registration for these tests must be completed online. ACT registration: www.act.org SAT registration: www.sat.org/register
- ACT and SAT fee waivers are in the Counseling Office for Students who qualify.
- Develop a resume, work on essays if needed, and request recommendations from teachers and counselors.
- Check that CHS has your CORRECT social security number in our system. Having the wrong number in the system will delay or negate your HOPE eligibility.

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

- Complete online applications for Early Decision/Action and request transcripts through PARCHMENT. www.parchment.com
- Send ACT and or SAT scores to the colleges/universities of choice once you have received them.
- Attend college Open Houses, PROBE Fair (**October 18th**), and talk with college reps when they come to CHS.
- See individual college websites, as well as, www.Gafutures.org, for current admissions requirements for all Georgia schools and begin the application process for those schools you are interested. It is a good idea to apply to 3-5 different schools. Keep in mind that each application will have a fee.
- Begin gathering information you may need and filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). FAFSA information is available on their website; www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Read the scholarship posts on the CHS Website, Twitter, and Facebook. Search for scholarships on the web and in your community. Check schools that you are applying to for scholarships specific to those schools.

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

- Males must register for the Selective Service when they turn 18. (www.sss.gov)
- Keep your grades up! **Senior grades DO count!**
- Parents should complete financial records for taxes as early as possible this year!
- If you applied for early decision/action, you may receive notification of admission as early as December.

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

- Complete the FAFSA or the HOPE Alternative form if you did not do so in October.
- Check to see if your school requires the CSS Profile, this is typically needed for private colleges/universities. All FAFSA related information can be accessed on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Follow up with colleges to be sure that your file is complete and that all materials have been received.

FEBRUARY AND MARCH

- Continue to search for and complete scholarships.
- Keep those grades up!!!

APRIL AND MAY

- Expect to receive regular decision admissions notifications from most schools the first week of April.
- Financial aid packages should be received in April.
- Most schools require a deposit and a letter of intent by May 1st. Compare schools, choose the best fit for you and **CELEBRATE!**
- Request that a final copy of your high school transcript be sent to your college in June.

****Grades from APEX, GAVS, and Night School must be in by the last day of senior exams in order to walk in the Graduation ceremony.***

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS EXAMS

- Four –year colleges require that students take one of the two primary admissions tests, the **ACT** or the **SAT**. Colleges in Georgia accept either.
- If you plan to attend a technical college or a 2-year college, you may need to take the **ACCUPLACER** test instead of the **SAT** or **ACT**. Contact your technical school or 2-year college for testing days.
- Be sure to register for tests before the registration deadline to avoid having to pay an additional fee. You may select schools to send your scores to at no charge when you take the test. Scores may also be sent after you receive them for a fee.
- Check out www.khanacademy.org for all of the SAT and ACT information you could ever want! You can access great videos and charts that will help you to decide which test is best for you. This is also a great website to utilize for SAT and ACT practice. You can also use www.act.org/academy for free ACT prep.

SAT TEST DATES FOR 2018 **www.sat.org/register**

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 25, 2018	July 27, 2018	August 15, 2018
October 6, 2018	September 7, 2018	September 26, 2018
November 3, 2018	October 5, 2018	October 25, 2018
December 1, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 20, 2018

ACT TEST DATES FOR 2018 **www.act.org**

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 8, 2018	August 12, 2018	August 13-26, 2018
October 27, 2018	September 28, 2018	September 29-October 14, 2018
December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018	November 3-19, 2018

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.Parchment.com- all students will have to request their transcripts through Parchment. There is a \$5.00 fee to have your transcript sent. You must click **Update** to see the most up-to-date transcript on your screen!!!

www.Gafutures.org - a web site from the Georgia Student Finance Commission. This site contains career, college, testing, and financial aid information for students and parents. Online college and financial aid applications are included.

www.careercruising.com – User ID – Cherokee Password – careers
An interactive program that includes a career inventory and resources to explore careers and educational options.

www.ncaaclearinghouse.net - all student athletes who plan to participate in collegiate athletics must register at this site. There is a legitimate fee for this service.

www.princetonreview.com -free full-length practice SAT, college information

www.kaptest.com - test prep as well as college information.

www.fastweb.com - scholarship search

www.finaid.org - scholarship search and financial aid information

www.bls.gov/ooh/ -Occupational Outlook Handbook from the US Department of Labor

www.doleta.gov/ - US Department of Labor

Follow us on Facebook & Twitter for College and Scholarship Information:

Facebook - Cherokee High School Counseling Department

Twitter - @chscounsdept

AS ALWAYS, check the CHS website and the

Counseling Department Canvas page.

Although some of the above web sites may offer products or services for sale, everyone offers **free** information that is helpful in planning for your future. We caution you against purchasing anything from these web sites. The NCAA Clearinghouse registration fee and Parchment fee are exceptions.