



# North High Seniors



## 12 THINGS 12TH GRADERS NEED TO KNOW

1. You need **66** credits to graduate. You need 60 credits by the end of trimester 2 to participate in the graduation ceremony.
2. To graduate, you must also pass the **GRAD Exam** in Reading and Math with scaled scores of at least 50. Also, you need to pass the Writing test with a 3 or higher.
3. Make an appointment with your counselor to check your credits and to talk about future plans.
4. Know your grade point average and class rank. The secretaries in the Guidance Office can give you this information.
5. Use MCIS (Minnesota Career Information System) or [careercrewing.com](http://careercrewing.com), to help you research schools, possible careers, scholarships and much more. Computers are located in the Guidance Office and the Media Center.
6. **Attend: Senior College Fair**, October 21-Cafeteria, PAWS: college reps meet w/ North High Seniors  
**College Selection Assistance Night**: October 22, 6:45 – 7:45, Forum.

### Planning is Very Important

7. If you plan to attend a **four-year college/university** you should have already taken the ACT or SAT. If you haven't, register for the next test. Make sure you have the necessary course entrance requirements for admission to a four-year college. Fill out college applications to your choice schools and keep track of deadlines. A general rule: Apply to a 4-year college/university by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Deadlines: Univ. of MN – December 15, Univ. of WI – Madison February 1  
\* If you think you will play Division I or II sports you should apply to the NCAA Clearinghouse. Stop in Guidance to pick up the NCAA Clearinghouse Application Booklet.

### There is Money Available

8. Attend **North High Financial Aid Night** on January 28: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., rooms 153-157, with your parent(s). Fill out the FAFSA form as soon after January 1 as possible.
9. Minnesota has reciprocity with Wisconsin, S. Dakota, N. Dakota, very limited with Iowa. This means you can go to public out-of-state schools for the same price as in-state schools. The Guidance Office has more information.
10. Scholarships are available from many different sources. Students are encouraged to search for scholarships via internet, ask family and friends about information on potential scholarships, check with employers about scholarship possibilities. A partial scholarship list is available on the North High website. Some applications are available in the Guidance Office, many more are available online. Local scholarship applications will be available in January and awards will be made in the spring.
11. A system of weighted grading is calculated in which students may earn additional grade points in only Advanced Placement (AP) and College in the Schools (CIS) courses. The weighting system will add 1.0 grade point to the current number of grade points for students receiving a passing grade in an AP or CIS course.
12. If you have any questions or concerns, make an appointment with your counselor. A-B Ms. Renstrom, C-D Ms. Tuel, E-Ji Ms. Jackson, Jk-M Ms. Yamamoto, N-Sk Ms. Scheierl, Sl-Z Mr. Schmit.

### Important Dates

September-November	Make an appointment with your counselor to check credits
October 21	Senior College Fair-North Cafeteria during PAWS
October 22	NHS College Selection Assistance Night, 6:45-7:45 pm, Forum
November 6	Registration deadline for December 12 ACT test
November 20	Last day to register under <u>late</u> deadline for December 12 <sup>th</sup> ACT test
December 1	College applications ready to mail
January 28	Financial Aid Night, 6:00-7:00 pm, rms. 153-157, for parents & students
March-May	Keep track of acceptance letters and deadlines
May 3-14	Advanced Placement (AP) Exams
<b>June 9</b>	<b>Graduation-7:00 pm Aldrich Arena</b>