NHS SENIOR PACKET

Seniors Applying to a 4 year college: What to do in a nutshell

1. Narrow down your college list and start the applications.

- Peruse the entire application.
    - Look at the essay and/or short answer questions.
    - If the application is online and there is a place to put in counselor and/or teacher emails-go ahead and put them in. We can get started on our part even if you have not finished your part. To find teacher emails visit: http://nhsweb.calvertnet.k12.md.us/staff

2. Figure out what each college will require for the application process and make a list.
    - For example:
        - Do they require letters of recommendation? If so, how many and from whom?
        - Are there are any forms that need to be downloaded and filled out? Colleges sometimes have a specific secondary school report form or counselor recommendation form they want filled out. If so, it is YOUR responsibility to print the forms and get them to your counselor.
3. If you need letters of recommendation-ASK NOW! Letters of rec forms for teacher and counselor can be found in Guidance or on the Guidance website under the STUDENT CENTER tab.
4. SAT/ACT- If you have not done so already or you would like to improve your scores take the SAT and/or ACT as soon as possible.
5. Have your SAT/ACT scores sent to the colleges to which you are apply. *You MUST have SAT scores sent directly from Collegeboard.org and ACT scores sent directly from ACTStudent.org. The guidance office no longer has access to these scores.
6. List the colleges to which you are applying on the **High School Transcript / Consent for Record Release (attached as the last page in this packet)** and give this to your counselor. The following should be included on this form:

- Name of college
- Deadline for materials to be received - *** SUPER IMPORTANT***
- Application type – ex: common app, college specific online app, paper/mail-in etc
- Address for the admissions department where items need to be sent if being mailed.
- Detailed list of items which need to be sent –ex. Transcript, letters of recommendation (be specific as to which letters need to be sent..ex: Ms. Oldham and Ms. Ekelund's letters), Any forms downloaded from the college that need to be filled out- Student is responsible for downloading and printing the forms.

7. After you complete the High School Transcript Consent Form have it signed by your parent/guardian. You can add/change this list at any time but any changes will require a new signature.
8. Student-athletes planning to play NCAA Division I or II sports in college must register with the NCAA Eligibility Center in order to be eligible to play. Athletes playing in Division III do not have to register. If you have not registered do this now at eligibilitycenter.org
9. During this process-Make an appointment to see your counselor.
10. Complete the FAFSA
    - Be sure to check the deadline for FAFSA.
    - The FAFSA can be accessed at fafsa.ed.gov
11. Keep an eye on the NHS Guidance web page for important announcements and forms at **northernguidance.weebly.com**

Seniors Applying to a 2 year college: What to do in a nutshell

1. Peruse the college website for information.
2. In the spring fill out the college application.
3. Complete the FAFSA.
    - Be sure to check the deadline for FAFSA.
    - The FAFSA can be accessed at fafsa.ed.gov
4. Take the placement test in the spring or take the SAT/ACT.
    - **OPTION 1 : PLACEMENT TEST**
        - Your scores will determine your class placement.
        - We will be offering an opportunity to take the CSM placement test right here at NHS. More information will be made available in the spring.
        - For more information about the CSM placement test and how to prepare, visit csmd.edu/studentsuccess
        - Visit the Anne Arundel Community College website for further information on their placement test.
    - **OPTION 2: SAT/ACT**
        - The placement test can be waived if your scores meet the colleges minimum score requirement. Reference the college website for specific score requirements.
5. Attend an information session at the college
6. If you attend a 2-year college and plan to transfer to a 4-year college, here are som tips on how to pursue this process:
    - Begin working with a Transfer Counselor at the 2-year college to develop a plan to ensure the classes you take will transfer to the 4-year college of your choice.
    - Look at the transfer requirements for the 4-year college(s) in which you are interested in transferring. Be sure you understand the minimum grade requirements, minimum number of credits, and courses that will transfer according to the 4-year college(s).

Northern High School

Helpful Information For College Apps

Northern High School
2950 Chaneyville Road
Owings, Md 20736
Phone: 443-550-8950
CEEB: 210799

G.P.A from NHS: Weighted
G.P.A. Scale: 4.0
Rank: Exact

Principal
Mr. Stephen Williams

Senior Vice Principal
Mr. Trey Sirman – Senior Vice Principal
Email: SirmanT@calvertnet.k12.md.us

Senior School Counselor

Title: School Counselor

Mrs. Ellen Oldham
Email: Oldhame@calvertnet.k12.md.us
Phone: 443-550-8943

Website: northernguidance.weebly.com

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Sign up for important updates from Ellen Oldham.

Get information for **Northern High School** right on your phone—not on handouts.

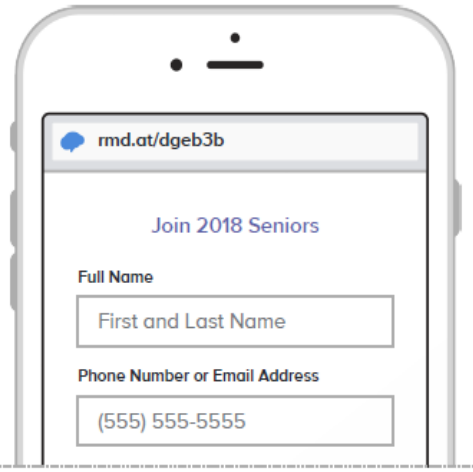
Pick a way to receive messages for **2018 Seniors**:

A **If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.**

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

rmd.at/dgeb3b

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



B **If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.**

Text the message @dgeb3b to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @dgeb3b to (862) 260-8677.

** Standard text message rates apply.*

Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/dgeb3b on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

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College application checklist

Use this checklist to help you stay on top of your application tasks, paperwork and deadlines.

	COLLEGE 1	COLLEGE 2	COLLEGE 3
Applications			
Request info/application forms			
Regular application deadline			
Early application deadline			
Grades			
Request high school transcript sent			
Request midyear grade reports sent			
Test Scores			
Send SAT® and/or ACT scores			
Send SAT Subject Test scores			
Send AP® scores			
Letters of Recommendation			
Request recommendations			
Send thank-you notes			
Essays			
Write essay(s)			
Proof essay(s) for spelling and grammar			
Have two people read essay(s)			
Interviews			
Interview at college			
Alumni interview			
Send thank-you note(s) to interviewer(s)			

	COLLEGE 1	COLLEGE 2	COLLEGE 3
Send and Track Your Application			
Make copies of all application materials			
Apply online			
Include application fee			
Sign application			
Confirm receipt of application materials			
Send supplemental material, if needed			
Financial Aid Forms			
Priority financial aid deadline			
Regular financial aid deadline			
Mail FAFSA			
Submit CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE®, if needed			
Mail institutional aid form, if needed			
Mail state aid form, if needed			
After You Send Your Application			
Receive admission letter			
Receive financial aid award letter			
Send deposit			
Send final transcript			

For more college planning tools and guidance, visit bigfuture.org.

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2017-2018 College Entrance Testing Information

SAT

REGISTER ONLINE www.Collegeboard.org

2017-2018 Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 26, 2017	July 28, 2017	August 15, 2017
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	September 27, 2017
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	October 25, 2017
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	November 21, 2017
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	February 28, 2018
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	April 25, 2018
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	May 23, 2018

ACT

REGISTER ONLINE – www.ACT.org

2017-2018 Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Fee Required
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 5-18, 2017
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	Sept. 23-Oct 6, 2017
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17, 2017
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19, 2018
April 14, 2018	March 9, 2018	March 10-23, 2018
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18, 2018
July 14, 2018	June 15, 2018	June 16-22, 2018

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2018 AP EXAM SCHEDULE

WEEK 1	MORNING SESSION (8 AM)	AFTERNOON SESSION (12 PM)
MONDAY, MAY 7	CHEMISTRY	PSYCHOLOGY
	SPANISH LITERATURE & CULTURE	
TUESDAY, MAY 8	SEMINAR	ART HISTORY
	SPANISH LANGUAGE & CULTURE	PHYSICS I: ALGEBRA-BASED
WEDNESDAY, MAY 9	ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION	JAPANESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE
		PHYSICS II: ALGEBRA-BASED
THURSDAY, MAY 10	UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT & POLITICS	CHINESE LANGUAGE & CULTURE
		ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
FRIDAY, MAY 11	GERMAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE	COMPUTER SCIENCE PRINCIPLES
	UNITED STATES HISTORY	
	STUDIO ART – Last day for coordinators to submit digital portfolios (by 8 PM EDT) and to gather 2D design and drawing students for the physical portfolio assembly.	
	Teachers should have forwarded students' completed digital portfolios to Coordinators before this date.	

CHOOSE SKILLS.

THE NEW SAT®

Launching March 2016 — the new SAT® champions the classroom skills and knowledge that are essential for college. Encourage your students to choose the new SAT because the skills they own should take them further.

TEST FEATURES	THE NEW SAT®	ACT®
Curriculum-based	✓	✓
Optional essay	✓	✓
No guessing penalty	✓	✓
Full test specifications available online	✓	
FEE WAIVERS		
Test fee waivers for eligible students	✓	✓
Free late registration for fee waiver students	✓	
Four college application fee waivers sent directly to eligible students	✓	
Four free score sends with registration	✓	✓
Four free additional score sends	✓	
FREE PRACTICE		
Official, personalized practice recommendations on Khan Academy® that help students where they need it most.	✓	
Four full-length practice tests	✓	
Sample Test Questions	✓	✓
SAT Practice app with paper scan & score functionality	✓	
SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE TESTED		
Focused on the few things evidence shows matter most for college and career, in both math and ELA	✓	
Vocabulary: Focused on words more widely used in college and career	✓	✓
History/social studies and science included throughout all required sections of the test	✓	
Integration of words and numbers across academic disciplines	✓	
Demonstration of command of evidence	✓	
Essay analyzing a source	✓	

TEST STRUCTURE AND FORMAT	THE NEW SAT®	ACT®
Testing time	3 hours + 50-minute SAT essay (optional)	2 hours 55 minutes + 40-minute essay (optional)
Structure	3 tests + optional SAT essay	4 tests + optional writing test
Score range	Composite 400–1600 (SAT Essay: reported in 3 dimensions, each 2–8)	Composite 1–36 (writing domain scores: 2–12)
Test length and timing	Number of questions: 154 Time per question: 1:10 **Reading Test** 65 Minutes 52 Questions **Writing and Language Test** 35 Minutes 44 Questions **Math Test** 80 Minutes 58 Questions *Use of a calculator on some problems*	Number of questions: 215 Time per question: 0:49 **Reading Test** 35 Minutes 40 Questions **English Test** 45 Minutes 75 Questions **Math Test** 60 Minutes 60 Questions *Use of a calculator on some problems* **Science Test** 35 Minutes 40 Questions

The new SAT has been designed to be an even more useful tool by focusing on the classrooms skills and knowledge research shows are most essential for success in college. More than 2 million students throughout 190 countries and territories demonstrate their skills and knowledge on the SAT every year. Virtually all colleges and universities — more than 2,000 in total — look at SAT scores as one of several factors to make admission decisions.

For more information, visit SAT.org/new

ACT data was retrieved July 2, 2015, from act.org *and* actstudent.org.

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Initial Eligibility

Initial-eligibility standards help ensure you are prepared to succeed in the first year of college. The eligibility process also protects the fairness and integrity of college sports by ensuring student-athletes are amateurs.

If you want to practice, compete and receive an athletics scholarship during your first year at a Division I or II school, the NCAA Eligibility Center must certify you as eligible. Throughout the process, NCAA Eligibility Center staff members partner with students and their families, as well as high school administrators and coaches.

As a college-bound student-athlete, you are responsible for your eligibility – that means planning ahead, taking high school classes seriously and protecting your amateur status. It can be a difficult first step, but the benefits of being a student-athlete are worth the effort.

Get Ready. Get Set. Go!

Grade 9

PLAN

- ☐ Start planning now: take the right courses and earn the best grades possible.
- ☐ Ask your counselor for a list of your high school's NCAA-approved core courses to make sure you take the right classes. Find your high school's list of NCAA-approved courses at **NCAA.org/courselist**.

Grade 10

REGISTER

- ☐ Register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at **eligibilitycenter.org**.
- ☐ If you fall behind, ask your counselor for help with finding approved courses you can take.

Grade 11

STUDY

- ☐ Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses.
- ☐ Take the ACT or SAT and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- ☐ At the end of the year, ask your counselor to send or upload your official transcript to the NCAA Eligibility Center. If you took classes at more than one high school or program, submit an official transcript for each school.
- ☐ Make sure you are on track to graduate on time with your class.

Grade 12

GRADUATE

- ☐ Complete your final NCAA core courses as you prepare for graduation.
- ☐ Take the ACT or SAT again, if necessary, and submit your scores to the NCAA Eligibility Center using code 9999.
- ☐ Request your final amateurism certification beginning April 1 (fall enrollees) or Oct. 1 (spring enrollees) in your NCAA Eligibility Center account at **eligibilitycenter.org**.
- ☐ After you graduate, ask your counselor to send or upload your final official transcript with proof of graduation to the NCAA Eligibility Center.
- ☐ Only students on an NCAA Division I or II school's certification request list will receive a certification.

Student Registration

If you want to play NCAA sports at a Division I or II school, you need to register with the NCAA Eligibility Center at **eligibilitycenter.org**. You should plan to register during your sophomore year of high school. If you have questions about your eligibility or the registration process, call us toll free at 877-262-1492. International students should call 011-317-917-6222. The information below is intended to help walk you through the registration process.

Online Registration

The NCAA Eligibility Center has designed **eligibilitycenter.org** with you, the student-athlete, in mind. This is where you will find the tools and information you need to begin your college experience as a student-athlete. Allow at least 45 minutes to register completely. If you need to exit and return at a later time, you can save and exit once your account has been created. Some additional tips are listed below to help walk you through each section of the registration process.

Account Creation

You will need to provide a valid email address to create an account and begin the registration process. Be sure you provide an email address that will be active after you graduate from high school. This email should be one that you use frequently, because you may receive notices regarding your account. If you have a sibling that has previously registered, you will need to use a different email address than the one on your sibling's account to create your new account.

In this section, you will enter your name, address, date of birth and gender.

Coursework

Enter the name and location of the high school you currently attend. If you have attended more than one school (including summer school) during grades nine, 10, 11 or 12, you will need to list those schools as well. Be sure to include ALL schools, regardless of whether you received grades or credits. If you attended ninth grade at a junior high school located in the same school system in which you later attended high school, do not list the ninth-grade school. You must also include information about courses you may have taken through other programs, such as an online school or credit recovery program for a class you did not pass or took to improve a grade.

Sports

Select the sport(s) you plan to participate in at an NCAA Division I or II school. You will also be asked about any teams outside your high school, such as club teams you have played on, and events you have participated in during your high school career.

Payment

Your account will be eligible for processing once the registration fee has been paid (or submission of a fee waiver if you are eligible). You may pay online by debit, credit card or e-check. Beginning Sept. 1, 2016, the registration fee will be $80 for students in the United States, U.S. territories and Canadian students (U.S. territories include American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands); and $135 for all other international students.

All fees are nonrefundable once you have successfully registered. If you completed a duplicate registration and paid your registration fee twice, you may be eligible for a refund of the duplicate registration fee. To receive a refund, you will need to complete and submit an NCAA refund form.

Important Information and Dates

Date I Registered: _____

My NCAA ID#: _____

My Email Address: _____

My High School(s) Attended: _____

_____

Date My Six-Semester Transcript Was Sent: _____

Date My Test Score Was Sent: _____

Date My Final Transcript (with Proof of Graduation) Was Sent: _____

Online College & Financial Aid Resources

NHS Scholarship Blog: patriotscholarships.blogspot.com/

NHS Website: northernguidance.weebly.com

Twitter: @nhsscholarship

www.collegeboard.org
Register for the SAT, college search engines, career searches, personality profile

www.actstudent.org
Register for the ACT, college & career searches

www.fastweb.com
College & scholarship searches

www.collegeview.com
Find colleges, scholarships, financial aid, career information, resources for minority students

www.scholarships.com
Find scholarships and other financial aid resources

www.talk.collegeconfidential.com
View panel discussions for students and parents on questions regarding colleges, admissions process, scholarships, and other related information

http://nsse.iub.edu/
National Survey for Student Engagement provides college student survey results based on student participation in college programs and how students reportedly spend their time

http://www.usnews.com/education
US News & World Report annual college rankings report shares information about top ranking schools in various categories and also includes information pertaining to college admissions

www.fafsa.ed.gov
Free Application for Federal Student Aid is the federal government website where families can learn about and apply for federal government aid for colleges

www.playbilled.com
Offers college and financial aid information for students interested in pursuing their fine arts majors

www.todaysmilitary.com
Information regarding learning more about joining the military including the process, benefits, compensation, boot camp, different branches, entrance exams, military careers, etc.

http://somdcan.org
Southern Maryland Can is a local, non-profit organization that offers resources for families in becoming more aware of and preparing for college and financial aid opportunities. The organization provides community outreach events, including Financial Aid Night, FAFSA workshops, College Goal Sunday, one-on-one college counseling for participants, and the Calvert Local Scholarships Application for over 32 local scholarships.

Northern High School Scholarship Blog

Looking for cash for college? Don't have time to stop by Guidance? Check out our NHS Scholarship Blog.

- ✓ Updated on the regular!
- ✓ Rules, descriptions and applications are downloadable!
- ✓ Download our Scholarship packet!
- ✓ Search by **DEADLINE DATE** or category!

http://patriotscholarships.blogspot.com

NORTHERN HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE

Guidance Website

HOME | COUNSELING CENTER | ALUMNI TRANSCRIPTS & VERIFICATIONS | REGISTER & WITHDRAWAL | STUDENT CENTER | THE NEW GPA

northernguidance.weebly.com

Calvert County Public Schools

High School Transcript / Consent for Record Release

Student Name:_____ Student Id #: _____ Date: _____
Email Address: _____

1: Name of College/University, Military, Trade/Technical School:_____
Application Deadline: _____
Did you use the Common App? _____ If not, please fill in admissions address below.
Institution Admissions Address:_____
_____
_____

Supplemental Forms Required by College/University, Military, Trade/Tech School:

____Counselor Letter of Rec _____ *Teacher Letter of Rec/ Name of Teacher(s):_____
*Student is responsible for submitting completed teacher letters to counselor

For office use: Date items sent: _____ Via_____

2: Name of College/University, Military, Trade/Technical School:_____
Application Deadline: _____
Did you use the Common App? _____ If not, please fill in admissions address below.
Institution Admissions Address:_____
_____
_____

Supplemental Forms Required by College/University, Military, Trade/Tech School:

____Counselor Letter of Rec _____ Teacher Letter of Rec/ Name of Teacher(s):_____
*Student is responsible for submitting completed teacher letters to counselor

For office use: Date items sent: _____ Via_____

3: Name of College/University, Military, Trade/Technical School:_____
Application Deadline: _____
Did you use the Common App? _____ If not, please fill in admissions address below.
Institution Admissions Address:_____
_____
_____

Supplemental Forms Required by College/University, Military, Trade/Tech School:

____Counselor Letter of Rec _____ Teacher Letter of Rec/ Name of Teacher(s):_____
*Student is responsible for submitting completed teacher letters to counselor

For office use: Date items sent: _____ Via_____

Release of Student Records

The law requires that schools receive written permission signed by the parent/guardian before transcripts and other student records can be released to a third party. Please submit original signatures and not a faxed copy.

I give approval to have transcripts and other student records sent by U.S. Mail or transmitted electronically to those listed above when a request to do so is made by my son/daughter.

Signature of Parent/Legal guardian: _____ Date: __/__/__
Student signature: _____ Date: __/__/__

Please note: Official SAT/ACT scores must be sent from the College Board or ACT. We are unable to send.
***** Submit this request *at least* 10 school days before the university admission's deadline you are trying to meet*****

If this form is not submitted in the above mentioned time frame the processing of your transcripts/recommendation letter will be delayed and the college(s) may not receive them by the application deadline.

4: Name of College/University, Military, Trade/Technical School:_____
Application Deadline: _____
Did you use the Common App? _____ If not, please fill in admissions address below.
Institution Admissions Address:_____
_____
_____

Supplemental Forms Required by College/University, Military, Trade/Tech School:

____Counselor Letter of Rec _____ Teacher Letter of Rec/ Name of Teacher(s):_____
*Student is responsible for submitting completed teacher letters to counselor

For office use: Date items sent: _____ Via_____

5: Name of College/University, Military, Trade/Technical School:_____
Application Deadline: _____
Did you use the Common App? _____ If not, please fill in admissions address below.
Institution Admissions Address:_____
_____
_____

Supplemental Forms Required by College/University, Military, Trade/Tech School:

____Counselor Letter of Rec _____ Teacher Letter of Rec/ Name of Teacher(s):_____
*Student is responsible for submitting completed teacher letters to counselor

For office use: Date items sent: _____ Via_____

6: Name of College/University, Military, Trade/Technical School:_____
Application Deadline: _____
Did you use the Common App? _____ If not, please fill in admissions address below.
Institution Admissions Address:_____
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Supplemental Forms Required by College/University, Military, Trade/Tech School:

____Counselor Letter of Rec _____ Teacher Letter of Rec/ Name of Teacher(s):_____
*Student is responsible for submitting completed teacher letters to counselor

For office use: Date items sent: _____ Via_____

7: Name of College/University, Military, Trade/Technical School:_____
Application Deadline: _____
Did you use the Common App? _____ If not, please fill in admissions address below.
Institution Admissions Address:_____
_____
_____

Supplemental Forms Required by College/University, Military, Trade/Tech School:

____Counselor Letter of Rec _____ Teacher Letter of Rec/ Name of Teacher(s):_____
*Student is responsible for submitting completed teacher letters to counselor

For office use: Date items sent: _____ Via_____

8: Name of College/University, Military, Trade/Technical School:_____
Application Deadline: _____
Did you use the Common App? _____ If not, please fill in admissions address below.
Institution Admissions Address:_____
_____
_____

Supplemental Forms Required by College/University, Military, Trade/Tech School:

____Counselor Letter of Rec _____ Teacher Letter of Rec/ Name of Teacher(s):_____
*Student is responsible for submitting completed teacher letters to counselor

For office use: Date items sent: _____ Via_____