



Northridge High School

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Senior Update

Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.

-Will Rogers

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Special points of interest:

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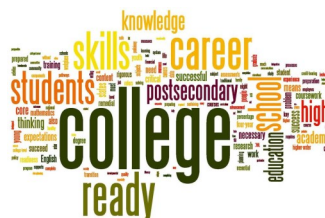
- Create an Account
- Pick career interests!
- Learn about scholarships!!
- Earn prizes!!!!

Important Deadlines

HOW TO APPLY TO COLLEGE

1. Visit the institution's admissions webpage.
2. Click on "APPLY NOW"
3. Complete and submit the application and pay the fee.
4. Request an official high school transcript from Parchment. See below.
5. If you are a Concurrent Enrollment student, you will need to request a college transcript at the end of the

school year from the institution(s) that issued the CE credit.



SCHOLARSHIP vs ADMISSION DEADLINES

Admissions deadlines are often earlier than scholarship deadlines. Please visit the [NHS Counseling webpage](#) for the admission and scholarship deadlines for each Utah college/university.

DON'T MISS THE DEADLINE!

Important Information

ARE YOU GRADUATING?

If you lack academic credit, and/or citizenship credit, *Start Now!* You can review your credits on your Graduation Summary on myDSD. Your counselor will be contacting you and your parent this term, OR you can be proactive and come visit with your counselor for academic make up credit options. Looking forward to 4th term, you **MUST** pass all 4th term classes required for graduation in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. You may not "bank credit", meaning you can't make up an F before you receive it.

If you have U's, they **must** be cleared before graduation. For citizenship make up, see Ms. Williams in the attendance office.

EARLY GRADUATES
 Make sure to see your counselor BEFORE the end of 1st term!

ARE YOU GOING ON A HUMANITARIAN/SERVICE MISSION OR MILITARY DEPLOYMENT AFTER GRADUATION?

It is strongly recommended you still apply for college admissions and scholarships! After hearing from the schools, you will then defer your admission and scholarships with the school's registrar's office.

I WANT TO BE...?

There are still internships available 2nd semester. This is a great opportunity to really see what professionals do every day and decide if this is the career you want to pursue.

Apply at the link on our website. If you have questions, talk to your counselor or contact Mrs. Wall at cwall@dsdmail.net.

CAREER PATHWAYS

Students who focus on a Career Pathway acquire the skills necessary for entry into well-paid careers. Students who complete a Career Pathway can earn a cord to wear at graduation.

NEED A TRANSCRIPT?

Northridge High has partnered with **Parchment** to order and send your transcript and other credentials securely.

A link to Parchment is located on the [NHS Counseling webpage](#) under Transcript Requests. The cost is \$4.15. This includes the ability to track and verify your transcript has been received. You will need to create an account using your school e-mail to be able to order a transcript.

NCAA ELIGIBILITY

Make sure to meet with your counselor to make sure you will meet all of the requirements for the college/university you will be attending.

ACT

The final deadline for the October 23rd ACT is October 1st (a late fee applies).

Please visit www.actstudent.org to register. This is the last test date seniors can take to qualify for December 1st deadlines!

Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch can receive an ACT fee waiver which covers the cost of two ACT tests. Please see your counselor for more information. Other ACT test dates:
 December 11—register by Nov 5
 February 12—register by Jan 7
 April 2—register by Feb 25

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Ask a teacher/counselor who knows you best. Give them at least two weeks before the letter is due!

Important Dates

ASVAB

The Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a FREE assessment that is used by the military for career exploration. This is also a great assessment if you are struggling with deciding on career interests. We will be giving this assessment during second semester. See your counselor for more details.

SECOND SEMESTER SCHEDULE CHANGES

The deadline for FREE schedule changes is December 17th. Be proactive and make sure your schedule is taken care of before the winter break!

Counselors are available before or after school or during lunch. Refer to your Graduation Summary to make sure you will meet graduation requirements.

There will be a \$10 fee for ALL class changes made after we return from winter break.

SECOND SEMESTER—DTC

Please visit with your counselor or Mrs Wootton (all located in the career/counseling center) for details. Remember, the district pays for your tuition until you graduate. If you do not finish your program before graduation, you can apply for the BRIDGES SCHOLARSHIP to help with the cost of tuition.

FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is available beginning October 1, 2021. NHS is offering a **FAFSA completion night on Thursday, October 7th from 4:00pm-6:00pm**. This help is offered without appointment on a first-come-first-served basis.

FAQ's

- Even if you have a full ride scholarship or savings to help pay for college, **filing a FAFSA is a good backup plan to cover unexpected expenses**. Many colleges and scholarships require you to file the FAFSA as part of the application process.
- **You never know what financial aid you might end up getting!** Many students file their FAFSA and are surprised to find out that they qualify for a grant or a need-based scholarship.
- **It doesn't take as long as you think.** Usually less than 30 minutes from start to finish!
- **It's not as difficult as you think.** FAFSA on the web ([FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov)) has "Help and Hints" on every section, as well as online chat, phone help, and a frequently asked questions section.
- **You aren't required to accept loans**

UTAH COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK October 4-8

During Utah College Application Week (UCAW), representatives from Utah colleges and universities will be at NHS to assist you. They will be available during tutorial and lunch to answer any of your questions and help you in the application process. Be sure to watch for more information about when each of the schools will be at NHS.

Several colleges and universities will waive their application fee during UCAW. Be sure to ask the representatives from these institutions if they have a code. We will also send out those codes once we receive them.

WSU Status Switch

If you have already applied to Weber State to take CE courses in high school, you will not need to apply again. If you plan to continue attending Weber State after high school, you must complete the Status Switch. To be considered for scholarships at Weber, this status switch must be completed by December 1st. We will have representatives from Weber State available during UCAW to help with this. It only takes a few minutes to complete.

Scholarships

Colleges or Universities

Colleges often have scholarship money available that is used to develop the financial package offered to an applicant who has been granted admission. These scholarships are available under a variety of terms that may include maintaining a certain GPA, pursuing a specific major, etc. Types of scholarships given from colleges or universities include:

- Academic Awards
- Departmental Awards
- Athletic Scholarships
- Diversity Scholarships
- Leadership



OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

All requirements must be met during 9-12. The class of 2022 may qualify by completing the requirements for Regents **or** the new Opportunity Scholarship requirements.

Regents Requirements:

- 4 credits of English
- 4 credits of math
- 3 credits of social studies
- 3 credits of lab-based science
- 2 credits of the same world language
- Earn a composite score of 22 on the ACT

Opportunity Scholarship Requirements:

- Complete 1 Advanced Placement (AP) or Concurrent Enrollment (CE) course in each of the following areas: math, science, & language arts.

Requirements for both:

- 3.3 cumulative GPA
- Fill out the FAFSA
- Graduate from a Utah High School

DANIELS FUND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Daniels Scholarship Program provide a four-year annually-renewable college scholarship for graduating high school seniors who demonstrate **exceptional character, leadership, and a commitment to serving their communities**.

The application is available from October 1-November 15, 2021.

Students must complete the FAFSA, complete the eligibility questionnaire, one letter of recommendation, and submit the application. must be submitted online through the Daniels Fund's application website.

For more information, visit [The Daniels Fund Scholarship Program](#).

****MAKE SURE TO ACCEPT ANY SCHOLARSHIPS YOU ARE OFFERED. IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT THE SCHOLARSHIP, IT ISN'T AWARDED****

The ones who are crazy enough to think that they can change the world are the ones who do.

-Steve Jobs