

# MATSU CAREER & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

## CLASS OF 2025 SENIOR CHECKLIST

### Review High School Transcripts and Credits

- ❖ Are there additional credits needed (APS, graduation, admissions requirements)? Meet with your counselor ASAP for planning.
- ❖ Check college/university of interest for admission requirements (i.e., do 8<sup>th</sup> grade credits count, foreign language or fine arts requirements, testing requirements, etc.)
- ❖ Request dual enrollment/articulated classes for college transcripts. (i.e., request UAA transcripts)
- ❖ **December or Early Graduates** - Please submit intent to graduate early paperwork to the counselor or registrar.

### Explore Postsecondary Education & Career Options

- ❖ Use AKCIS for free online career interest inventories, college searches, scholarship searches, and more!
- ❖ Use Common App for college searches.
- ❖ Participate in College and Career Fairs, see our Counseling Page for more information on college and recruiter visits.

### SAT & ACT Testing CTHS School Code: 021-080

**Recommended Timeline:** Once during spring of junior year and again in the fall of senior year.

- ❖ **School Day SAT** - October 24<sup>th</sup>
- ❖ **ACT** - \$69-\$94 Register online at: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- ❖ **SAT** - \$68 Register online at: [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- ❖ **Fee waivers** are available for those who qualify. Please see your counselor for more information.

### Apply for Admission - Be aware of deadlines!

- ❖ **Early Admission** (Consider if binding or non binding!) vs Regular Admission?
- ❖ **Request official high school and university transcripts** through CTHS website and UAOnline accounts.

### **All graduates:**

- ❖ Request letters of recommendations and official transcripts in advance.
- ❖ Verify diploma name with Registrar
- ❖ Order cap, gown, other swag from Josten's
- ❖ Submit quote/photo via CTHS Class of 2025 Google Classroom; Parents - Senior Ads
- ❖ Report scholarships and offers of admission to your counselor prior to graduation!

### Complete the FAFSA (students and parents)

- ❖ Application is OPEN <https://studentaid.gov>
- ❖ The earlier you apply, the more aid you may be eligible to receive. Even if you know you will not be eligible for need based aid, this is still required for many other financial aid sources.

### Search and Apply for Scholarships

- ❖ Review options with the Admission/Financial Aid office at the school(s) to which you are applying.
- ❖ Alaska Performance Scholarship (APS)
  - Meet the course, GPA, and testing requirements as shown on the APS Handout.
- ❖ The FAFSA is your APS application.
  - Complete the FAFSA by June 30<sup>th</sup> and select a participating Alaska post secondary institution.
- ❖ UA Scholars – top 10% of graduating class, determined the end of Junior year. FAFSA application required by May 1<sup>st</sup> to hold the scholarship application.
- ❖ Build your postsecondary portfolio
  - Resume/Activities/Community Service
  - Letters of Recommendation (you can request through the Counseling Homepage) [www.matsuk12.us/cts](http://www.matsuk12.us/cts)
  - Personal Goals essay
  - Work Experience
  - Official Transcript – request through link on website [www.matsuk12.us/cts](http://www.matsuk12.us/cts)
- ❖ Online Scholarship Searches
  - [www.matsuk12.us/cts](http://www.matsuk12.us/cts) (Counseling)
  - [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

### Explore College Sports

- ❖ NCAA: Register at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)
- ❖ NAIA: Register at [www.playnaia.org](http://www.playnaia.org)
- ❖ **Verification of eligibility for college athletics is the student/parent responsibility.**

## CLASS OF 2025

