

# CLASS OF 2026

## Senior Year Checklist

- Senior meeting with your counselor —Check your credits, discuss your plans
- Stay on top of your grades!
- Take Senior pictures: <https://home.cady.com>—Last Day for Yearbook is 11/21/2025
- Order graduation cap & gown stole —Jostens.com—basic package is \$53.50
- Create a resume geared toward your future goals
- Interested in dual credit classes in the Spring? Talk to your counselor and fill out Dual Credit Interest Form
- Register for AP Exams by November 7, 2025
- Submit FAFSA, TASFA, or Opt-out Documentation—Laserfiche form—GRAD REQUIREMENT
- Prom—May 2, 2026
- Legacy Awards— May 21, 2026—Dress your best as we celebrate you!
- Walk the stage — Graduation Date May 26, 6:00 pm @ UNT**

## COLLEGE BOUND?

- Take the ACT and/or SAT if necessary (See dates and registration info on pg. 2) Send scores to colleges
- Research & VISIT colleges! You are allowed 2 absences for college visits (with proper documentation)
- Attend NISD College Fair—September 23, 2025 @ 6:00 PM—@ Northwest High School
- Complete college applications—check college websites for deadlines
- Request transcripts (Via CommonApp or via **ScribOrder** for all non-CommonApp schools)
- Request letters of recommendation via CommonApp or directly from recommender (Counselors have request form on the website)
- Take TSI if needed (see exemptions on pg. 2)
- Complete FAFSA—opens October 1, 2025
- Apply for scholarships! See NHS Counseling website, Naviance, or Match
- Tell us about any scholarships you received using the link on NHS Counseling website
- Request final transcripts via ScribOrder—do this in May when you complete the senior survey—type in Hold for Final Transcript”
- Send all dual credit transcripts from NCTC, TCC, or UT via those institutions to your chosen college
- Send AP scores to chosen college via collegeboard.org

## INTERESTED IN MILITARY SERVICE?

- Talk to a recruiter - email your counselor help set it up or direct to the Recruiting office
- Take the ASVAB—Given at NHS on October 8, November 18, January 28, and April 29—register on NHS Counseling Website
- Tell us when you have committed using the Military Commitment link on NHS Counseling Website

# Graduation Requirements:

## 4 Credits of English

- English I       English II
- English III     Advanced English

## 4 Credits of Math

- Algebra 1                       Geometry
- Algebra 2 or Adv Math     Advanced Math

## 4 Credits of Science

- Biology                       IPC , Chem, or Physics
- Advanced Science     Advanced Science

## 3 Credits of Social Studies

- World Geography or World History
- U.S. History       Government (.5 credit)
- Economics (.5 credit)

## 2 Credits of World Language

- Foreign Lang. 1     Foreign Lang. 2  
(must be the same as the 1st)

## Other required credits

- your choice of **1 credit** of Fine Art
- your choice of **1 credit** of Physical Education
- .5 credit** of Professional Comm (Speech)
- 6.5 credits** of elective classes that make an Endorsement

**You must have at least 26 state credits to graduate.**

**STAAR Exams:** Required to pass all STAAR exams: English 1, English 2, Biology, Algebra 1 and US History  
FAFSA Documentation, Peace Officer Training, CPR Training

The following websites are to help in the process of researching and answering many of your questions throughout the year.

College Board (SAT and AP Test):  
[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

ACT (ACT test): [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

Apply Texas:  
[www.applytexas.org](http://www.applytexas.org)

Common Application:  
[www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org)

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid):  
[www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)

Submit FAFSA starting December, 2024

NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association or Eligibility Center): [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics): [www.naia.org](http://www.naia.org)



College Board Big Future has Career, College, and Scholarship Planning tools

[www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org)

**Check out the College & Career Planning tab on the NHS Counseling website for additional information and scholarship databases!**

## ACT Test dates

Test date:	Register by:
10/18/25	09/12/25
12/13/25	11/7/25
2/14/26	1/9/26
4/11/26	3/6/26
6/13/26	5/8/26
7/11/26	6/4/26

Register at: <http://www.act.org>

## SAT Test dates

Test Date:	Register by:
10/4/25	9/19/25
11/8/25	10/24/25
12/6/25	11/21/25
3/14/26	2/27/26
5/2/26	4/17/26
6/6/26	5/22/26

Register at: <http://www.collegeboard.org>

SAT Boot Camps Available

## NISD TSI Testing

<https://www.nisdtx.org/students-families/testing/tsi>

TSI Exemptions:

**SAT**

TSI Math - 530 on SAT Math

TSI Reading and Writing - 480 on SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing

**ACT**

Composite score of 40 and minimum of 22 in Math

**Upcoming TSI dates @NHS:**

September 16	January 13
October 7	February 10
November 11	March 10, 31
December 9	April 7, 14, 21
	May 5, 12, 19

**Check out the Texan Counseling Website for test preparation resources!**