

SENIOR CHECKLIST

Congratulations! You're a SENIOR! Everyone's paths will differ, and that is exciting! While this list is not exhaustive, it offers general direction in finalizing your high school experience and launching a successful future. Always involve your family and counselor in your decision-making process, and advocate for what YOU want to do.

FALL SEMESTER:

- ☐ Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and be sure to list one Alaska college for APS (Alaska Performance Scholarship) consideration. If you need further assistance, reach out to ACPE (Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education).
- ☐ If college-bound, start and/or complete and submit applications to your top schools.
- ☐ Take or retake the SAT (sat.org) and/or ACT (act.org). Most colleges "superscore" (take the highest scores of each section).
- ☐ Request letters of recommendation from academic teachers *if required* for applications. Remember to give your recommenders at least two weeks' notice.
- ☐ Similarly, talk with your counselor about your college and/or career plans. If their input is required (i.e., Common App), be sure to visit your counselor before sending an email request.
- ☐ If you are still unsure about your future career, sign up to take an interest/skill inventory like the ASVAB (typically offered at your school once per semester).
- ☐ Keep looking into scholarships. You may use any scholarship search engine and the ASD website to find fund opportunities.
- ☐ If possible, visit colleges in person. If not, commit time to checking out their websites.
- ☐ For college-bound athletes, double check that you are meeting NCAA requirements.
- ☐ If trades are in your future, visit websites like Alaska Works, AVTEC, Job Corps, etc. Talk with your counselor to discuss and finalize your post-high school plan.
- ☐ Request official transcripts on the ASD main website (asdk12.org).

SPRING SEMESTER:

- ☐ This is the final stretch! Be diligent in keeping up with your academics and extracurriculars.
- ☐ Verify your FAFSA standing, as needed.
- ☐ Early in the semester, be on the lookout for college acceptance notifications.
- ☐ Between April 1 and May 1, watch for financial aid awards.
- ☐ Talk with your family about your options (college, trades, military) and make final decisions based on your values and your family's input.
- ☐ Regardless of your path, explore your housing options for the fall.
- ☐ Request final transcripts on the ASD main website (asdk12.org).
- ☐ Graduate!

*Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.
Live the life you have imagined. -henry david thoreau*