2026-2027 Senior Checklist

Throughout The Year: Check Frequently

- ☐ Check your email often for important information.
- ☐ Career and College Visits: Check the Counseling Office or Schoolinks Events.
- ☐ Check for scholarships in Schoolinks - Scholarship Matching.

September

- ☐ Review your graduation requirements in Skyward. See your counselor for questions.
- ☐ **Schedule your Senior Meeting with your Counselor**: See Evan Walker in the Counseling Office.
- ☐ Start college applications and check their designated deadlines. Common Application: For most four-year college applications.
- ☐ CADR's: Minimum entry requirements for four-year colleges: Make sure you have what it takes.
- ☐ CSS Profile: Additional financial assistance needed for some universities.
- ☐ Request transcripts by following directions posted on the Transcript Request webpage.
- ☐ Pre-order Yearbook: Pay through ASB Online Portal.
- ☐ **September 25th:** Deadline to sign up and pay $60 at the ASB office for the Bellingham High School SAT.
- ☐ **September 28th:** Learn about cap and gown and grad announcements with Jostens.

October

- ☐ **October 1st:** First day to start the FAFSA or WASFA (financial aid) application. Establish a student aid account for yourself and your parents.
- ☐ **October 8th:** College Fair at Sehome High School 6 – 8pm with Financial Aid Completion and Question Support with FuturesNW.
- ☐ Check out WAGAP: Guarantee Admission Program for Washington State Colleges.

November

- ☐ **November 9th**: Deadline for Senior Photo Portrait Submission to Yearbook.
- ☐ **November 19th:** FAFSA/WAFSA Family Completion Event hosted at Options High School from 6 – 8pm.
- ☐ Complete and submit college application – Early Decision for some colleges.
- ☐ Work on completing your High School & Beyond Plan in Schoolinks.
- ☐ Order Cap and Gown between October and December.

December

- ☐ **December 1st**: Deadline to request counselor and teacher recommendations for college applications due in January (staff will not be working during winter break).
- ☐ **December 4th**: Deadline for Grad Ad Submission to Yearbook (1/4 page is free to all families).

March / April

- ☐ College acceptance letters and Financial Aid are starting to arrive.
- ☐ Review FAFSA/WASFA award, check that it is correct, and all paperwork completed.
- ☐ **April 22nd:** Teen Job Fair at Bellingham High School from 3 – 5pm.

May

- ☐ **May 1st**: Deadline to make college decision.
- ☐ **May 1st:** Complete and Turn in High School and Beyond Plan with Resume.
- ☐ Submit request to send Final Transcripts to colleges. WCC, BTC, and Dual-Enrolled students must request their college transcripts directly from the institution.

June

- ☐ **Graduation**: Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 5th at Civic Field.