

# Recommended Senior Year Responsibilities

(NOTE: THE RESPONSIBILITIES LISTED BELOW WILL VARY BASED ON YOUR INDIVIDUAL SITUATION AND MAY NOT ALL BE APPLICABLE TO YOU. THESE LISTS ARE MEANT TO GIVE PARENTS/GUARDIANS AND STUDENTS A HELPFUL STARTING POINT.)

## Parent / Guardian Responsibilities

- ◆ Teach your child responsibility. This means making sure he/she is doing everything a student should be doing while supervising from a parent/guardian perspective.
  - Some examples:
    - Students should fill out their own college / scholarship / job applications
    - Students should request transcripts when they need them
- ◆ Help and support your child, but do not make your child's decision for him/her. Your input can be very valuable with helping your child to make a decision about his/her future, but it's important to remember whose future plans and goals are being decided.
- ◆ Review your child's course requests with him/her (the Course Request Sheet will be mailed home) and request changes by the given deadline.
- ◆ Determine how much financial assistance you will be able to give your child and discuss this with him/her.
- ◆ Work with your child to complete the FAFSA on time. This is largely a parent/guardian responsibility because there are many parts your child cannot do on his/her own.
- ◆ Assist your child in keeping track of and meeting deadlines. Consider keeping a senior year calendar that you both have access to for this purpose.
- ◆ Order your child's graduation materials on time.
- ◆ Confirm that your child is meeting graduation requirements. Information will be mailed home in the fall, but feel free to contact your child's counselor anytime.
- ◆ Utilize Pinnacle Viewer to keep up on your child's grades and attendance to make sure he/she avoids "senioritis". Remember that there is not a school-sponsored "senior skip day"! ☺
- ◆ Visit colleges with your child. While there, don't be afraid to ask a lot of relevant questions.
- ◆ If your child is being recruited to play NCAA athletics, register with the NCAA Clearinghouse.
- ◆ Encourage your child to make healthy, well-thought decisions, not just in regards to his/her future educational and career plans but also with moral and ethical dilemmas.

## Student Responsibilities

- ◆ Be organized.
- ◆ Keep track of and meet deadlines.
  - Some examples: *college admissions, financial aid, scholarships, transcript requests*
  - You may want to keep a "senior-year calendar" to help you organize your deadlines.
- ◆ Be pro-active and start planning early.
  - Some examples:
    - *Research colleges, majors and requirements, employment outlooks/trends, and related topics*
    - *Visit colleges and meet with admissions reps both at the college and when they visit EKHS*
    - *Begin working on college applications as soon as they become available (Summer 2010)*
    - *Complete a personal profile for an online scholarship search*
- ◆ Do not allow excuses to rule your senior year.
  - Some examples:
    - *"I don't have time to complete college applications."*
    - *"I don't have time to search for scholarships."*
    - *"I don't know what I'm supposed to be doing."*
    - *"All of my friends are missing school for 'senior skip day'."*
- ◆ Complete your own college, scholarship, or job applications neatly and thoroughly (online, typed, or printed in pen – never use pencil on an application).
- ◆ Seek answers to your questions from an appropriate source (counselor, admissions rep, financial aid officer, etc.)
- ◆ Save as much money as you can. There are a lot of incidental expenses associated with your senior year and starting college or moving out on your own. Some examples: *books, housing deposit, transportation*
- ◆ Avoid "senioritis". It's a highly contagious disease that can have disastrous affects on your grades and attendance and ultimately on high school graduation and college admissions.