

The Senior Q

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School Counselors Help Ease the Process

Counselors have been working with students throughout their high school experience to help guide them through the process towards being successful in high school, deciding a career path, and preparing for post-secondary opportunities. To help students transition past high school, counselors will be providing students with the tools to make their post-secondary plans a reality.

September 7-9: Counselors presented college information in English classrooms. Students will receive the scholarship handbook, the senior calendar, a transcript release form, and a detailed list of important senior items.

September 15: 6-8pm, Open House/College Night @ North High School.

September: Seniors meet individually with their counselor to go over their graduation credit check and review post-secondary plans.



Graduation Cap and Gown

Order now!!! The on-time deadline to order your cap and gown is October 25th, 2021 after which a late fee will be assessed. Although Jostens/School Traditions offers a wide range of products, you only need to order the “Cap & Gown Unit” (tassel is included) priced at \$39.95 plus tax and fees with a final total of \$47.95. Additional selections are optional. Click [here](#) to order!

North College/Career Counseling is on Teams

Your college/career counselors, Ms. Iles, Mr. Wisner, and Ms. Green have been working diligently to create videos and upload documents to help students navigate the college and scholarship process. Seniors will need to request to be added to this team to access the information at any time. Click on this [link](#). Parents and others outside of OPS can view the videos on YouTube. [Click here](#)

These items can be found in the General Channel

[Fillable Form: Release of Economic Status, Transcript, Recommendation Authorization and Waiver](#)

Scholarship Help Channel “Files”:

[Scholarship Research Chart](#)
[College Essay Prompts](#)
[Paying for College PowerPoint](#)

College Application Channel: Videos

[Naviance Request a Transcript Tutorial](#)
[College 101](#)
[Navigating College Websites](#)
[Picking Colleges on Naviance](#)

Scholarship Help Channel: Video

[Scholarships \(Guidelines and Tips\)](#)

College Reps Visiting North High

It is important to take advantage of college opportunities at North High in order to make the best, informed decision regarding your future education. Many colleges come to North to visit with students. Sign up to meet with a visiting representative in the GRC. Passes will be available the week prior to the visit. The visit should

take no longer than 45 minutes. Here are the visits planned for September. October visits coming soon!

9/21 Nebraska Wesleyan University 10:30am

9/29 Wayne State College 9:30am

North High Senior Timeline

You are all in process of making important decisions about your post-high school plans. Although there are many options available to you, the Senior Q will focus on College and Scholarship information due to the sheer volume of information to navigate.

[EducationQuest](#) has created a great timeline to help you keep on-track. They are a non-profit Nebraska-based foundation helping Nebraska students with the college and scholarship process. Click [here](#) for the full timeline.

1. [Make sure you're on track to meet graduation and college admission requirements.](#)
2. [Attend a Financial Aid Program.](#)
3. [Apply to your top college choices.](#)
4. [Create an FSA ID \(one for you and one for a parent\).](#)
5. [Complete the FAFSA on or after October 1.](#)
6. [Retake the ACT and/or SAT.](#)
7. [Get serious about applying for scholarships.](#)
8. [Request letters of recommendation for scholarship applications.](#)
9. [If you haven't already, visit your top college choices.](#)



Virtual Financial Aid Programs

EducationQuest will conduct virtual Financial Aid Programs during September along with some school-based programs. If you're a junior or senior and attend a session, you can register for a chance to win one of six [\\$500 scholarships](#)! A parent or guardian who attends may register on your behalf.

During the program, you'll learn about:

- Financial aid
- The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- How colleges award financial aid
- Where to find scholarships

[Click here](#) to find dates and times and to register!

Your Omaha North High Magnet School Yearbook!

Hello Vikings! It is time to start think about senior photos and if you want them in the Yearbook!

Here are the requirements, you MUST meet all of them:

- It must show your shoulders and up
- No full body pictures
- Head/face must be fully visible
- School dress code applies to senior photos
- Photo itself must not be provocative, vulgar, or offensive in nature
- NO selfies or filters
- The photo must ONLY be of you, no groups
- No rotating the photo at an angle
- For example: think of the school ID photos you take at school.

Photo deadline: Friday, November 19th

Questions: Shelby.Schmidt@ops.org

To submit a photo:

1. Email a digital copy to northyearbook@ops.org
2. Submit a physical photo to the Journalism Department, room 330

Don't forget to preorder your yearbook at yearbookforever.com!

College Testing: Focus on ACT & ACCUPLACER

Most four-year colleges and many scholarship applications require the ACT/SAT. The ACT is most common in the Midwest. All four-year colleges will accept the ACT or the ACT plus writing.

State ACT: Current seniors who took the State ACT in April 2021 should have access to their scores on their MyACT account found at www.act.org. If you have not already created an account, you will need your ACT ID in order to access your state scores. Email your counselor for your ACT ID.

National Saturday ACT Testing: You will also register for the National ACT at www.act.org. In addition to the state ACT, plan to sign up for one of the October and/or December National Test Dates. Students who take the ACT more than once tend to raise their score by 1-2 points or more.

ACT Registration: Register at www.act.org. Unlike the State ACT, there is a fee for National ACT dates. Fee waivers for students who qualify for free/reduced lunch are available. Please follow the instructions below. Do not forget to upload your photo to complete your registration. Also, please [send your scores to your top 4 college choices](#) each time you register for the test. It is free to send your scores to up to four schools at the time of registration. There will be a fee to send your scores after testing.

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Period	Standby/Photo Upload
October 23	September 17	September 18-October 1	October 15
December 11	November 5	November 6-19	December 3

ACCUPLACER: This test is used by many community colleges including Metropolitan Community College and Iowa Western Community College. This is the preferred form of placement into their courses. ACT scores can be used, but many students perform at a higher level on the ACCUPLACER and may be able to eliminate additional coursework through this placement test. Metro is offering this exam remotely. You can find more information [here](#). Take advantage of any study guides and/or courses offered before testing.

College Athletics

Playing sports in college? There are specific rules for each level of college play. You need to communicate with your coach to figure out a good placement for you. Your ACT score and CORE GPA are used to calculate eligibility. For more information, visit the [NCAA](#), [NAIA](#), [NCCAA](#), or [NJCAA](#) websites. Email Mr. Wiser (bryson.wiser@ops.org) with any questions.

Free/Reduced Lunch Status:

During the 2021-22 school year we want to be able to assist all students in gaining access to every opportunity. To be eligible for programs that request verification of Free/Reduced Lunch Status (such as fee waivers/adjustments, college/scholarship programs, etc.), students will need to present their Meal Status Letter to your school counselor. **EVEN IF YOU DO NOT EAT SCHOOL LUNCH, HAVING FREE/REDUCED LUNCH STATUS CAN BENEFIT YOU - MAKE SURE TO APPLY IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT QUALIFY.**

Meal Status Letter: To get a copy of this letter, you have three options:

1. You should have received a Meal Status Letter from Nutrition Services in July or August 2021. Take a photocopy, screenshot, or scan of that letter and keep it in your phone, email or wallet.
2. Go to www.schoolcafe.com, login with your userID and password (or create an account) and click Eligibility Info in the Benefits section of the left-hand side menu.

- Email tracey.lara@ops.org (Nutrition Services) from your school email address to request a copy of your Meal Status Letter. Make sure to include the STUDENT'S FULL NAME and STUDENT ID. She will send you a PDF of your letter. Keep a copy of that PDF in your email. Consider forwarding it to your parent/guardian and to your personal email so it is easy to find.

Scholarships

Scholarship "season" runs from December-April with the majority of scholarships coming due between January and March. Students are encouraged to start looking for scholarships. There are countless websites out there wanting to help you with your search. Here are our top resources to suggest to you:

- Use Naviance to research scholarships on their database.
 - Laptops/Home computers: Login [here](#). Select "Continue with Clever" and use your school login/password. From the menu on the top right side, select Colleges, then Scholarships and Money, then scholarship list. Sort by date.
 - iPad: Using your Clever Portal, find and click on Naviance. From the menu button on the top right side, select Colleges, then Scholarships and Money, then scholarship list.
- ScholarshipQuest is a great database for Nebraska based scholarships. Click [here](#).
- Use other scholarship databases such as [College Green Light](#), [My Scholly](#), [College Board](#), or [Niche](#).

Scholarships currently updated in Naviance due this month:

Scholarship	Deadline	Value
United States Senate Youth Program	24-Sep	\$10,000
Questbridge National College Match	28-Sep	Varies
Vada M. Kinman & Col. Barney Oldfield's Veterans Service Award	1-Oct	\$2,000

Military Recruiters

Ms. Iles coordinates the recruiters for each military branch and their visits to Omaha North High. Each military branch has scheduled days each month to be available in the Viking Center during lunch blocks. Ms. Iles has the schedule posted on her door in the GRC. If you are interested in military service, please plan to meet with representatives in the Viking Center or contact the branch of your choice to find out more information. The list is in no particular order.

Branch	Recruiter	Email	Phone
Air Force	Staff Sgt Casey Vanveckhoven	glynn.vanveckhoven@as.af.mil	402-210-0640
Marines	Sgt Jeffery M. Wade Jr.	jeffery.wade@marines.usmc.mil	402-455-7664
Army	Staff Sgt Ruben Soto	ruben.a.soto2.mil@mail.mil	402-580-9958
Navy	HM1 Dustan Skorcz	dustan.l.skorcz@navy.mil	402-889-5707
Nebraska Air National Guard	TSgt Adam Keske	adam.l.keske.mil@mail.mil	402-310-5616
Nebraska Army National Guard	Sgt Benjamin Hoffart	benjamin.m.hoffart.mil@mail.mil	531-207-3458

