

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 college a reality. Information will be presented via Teams in English classes during the month of September.

North College/Career Counseling is on Teams

Ms. Iles has been working diligently to create videos helping students navigate the college process. Seniors will need to request to be added to this team to access the information at any time. Click on this [link](#) to be added to the team.

These videos have been uploaded to the College Application Channel “Posts”:

College 101 (includes how to request a transcript)
Navigating College Websites
Picking Colleges on Naviance

These files have been uploaded to the College Application Channel “Files”

Transcript Release Form
Go Visit Questions (Suggestions for College Visits)
College Application Checklist

College Reps Visiting North High via Teams

It is important to take advantage of college opportunities at North High 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 via Teams. These will be held during the Office Hours from 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mr. Wisner will send out the link that week. Students just need to look for the email and join at that time. The visit should take no longer than 45 minutes.

Here is a list of the upcoming visits:

9/09: Iowa Western Community College (IWCC)
9/15: University of Nebraska Omaha (UNO)

9/14: Creighton University (CU)
9/22: Wayne State College (WSU)

College Testing: Focus on ACT & ACCUPLACER

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

State ACT: All Seniors should RSVP for the makeup State ACT test to be held at North High (in person) on September 22. Students were emailed directly from “OPS Research Division” regarding the September 22nd makeup State ACT. The subject line reads: “RSVP ACT SEPT 22”. When students open the email, they will see a link that says, “Take the survey”.

National Saturday ACT Testing: If you have not already taken the test, plan also 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.actstudent.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.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>	<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
October 10	September 25	October 24	September 25
October 17	September 25	December 12	November 6

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:

EVEN IF YOU DO NOT EAT SCHOOL LUNCH, HAVING FREE/REDUCED LUNCH STATUS CAN BENEFIT YOU - SO MAKE SURE TO APPLY IF YOU THINK YOU MIGHT QUALIFY.

During the 2020-2021 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.

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

1. You should have received a Meal Status Letter from Nutrition Services in July 2020. Take a photocopy, screenshot, or scan of that letter and keep it in your phone, email or wallet.
2. Email tamara.yarmon@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.

EducationQuest

EducationQuest Financial aid programs show families how to pay for college. Normally held in high schools across Nebraska, EducationQuest's Financial Aid Programs will be transmitted virtually to hundreds of

Nebraska students and parents this fall. High School juniors and seniors who attend a Financial Aid Program will be eligible to register for a drawing to win one of six \$500 scholarships.

EducationQuest at North: Mr. Wisner will be hosting EducationQuest meetings on Microsoft Teams He will send out a link during the week before each presentation. Students just need to look for the email and join at that time. Please join Mr. Wisner and our EducationQuest representative during Office Hours (10:45-11:30) on the following dates:

September 3

September 17

EducationQuest Presentation for Families: EducationQuest will host statewide Financial Aid Programs during September to reach families. Those events & registration links are:

September 21 - [English](#) & [Spanish](#)

September 23 - [English](#) & [Spanish](#)

September 22 - [English](#) & [Spanish](#)

September 24 - [English](#) & [Spanish](#)

Omaha Area Virtual College Fair: For the first time ever, EducationQuest will host a virtual college fair featuring colleges from across the state, region, and nation. The event, which will replace EducationQuest's in-person college fairs, will also feature college-prep presentations on topics such as college admission, selecting a major, campus visits, scholarship tips, and paying for college. Live college-prep presentations will be held throughout the day on Sept. 27 and will be recorded for later viewing. [The college fair website](#) will remain active for several months after the event for students who wish to revisit college booths or watch recorded presentations. Students, family members, school counselors, and colleges can click [here](#) to register.

Throughout the four-day fair, students and families can visit college booths. College representatives will be available to chat with students during the times listed below:

Sept. 27 – 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. CT

Sept. 29 – 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. CT

Sep. 28 – 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CT

Sep. 30 – 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. CT

To ensure student and staff safety, please be advised that counselors have limited access to messages outside of the school day. If you are needing immediate assistance, please contact the Boys Town National Hotline at [1-800-448-3000](tel:1-800-448-3000). If this is an emergency, go to your nearest emergency room or call 911. Thank you.

