GET TO KNOW YOUR COUNSELOR:

10th-12th (A-C)  
Ms. Bloch

10th-12th (D-I)  
Ms. Jespersion

10th-12th (J-N)  
Ms. Galligan

10th-12th (O-Z)  
Ms. Lain
GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

- LA: 12 credits
- Math: 9 credits
- Social Studies: 11 credits
- Science: 9 credits
- PE/Health: 3 credits
- Arts: 3 credits
- Electives: 16 credits
- Total Credits: 63
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COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE MONTH
WHAT IS COLLEGE KNOWLEDGE MONTH?

- Provide every graduating high school senior with the preparation, opportunity, and support needed to apply to college
- Submit college applications
- College exploration and planning process at your own pace
WHY COLLEGE?

A college degree can qualify you for a wider variety of jobs

65% of all MN jobs will require some level of post-secondary training

Over a lifetime, a college graduate is likely to earn approximately $1 million more than a high school graduate

College graduates typically have better access to health care than those with a high school diploma
WHY COLLEGE CONTINUES...

**Knowledge:** A college education teaches you to think critically and abstractly, to express your thoughts and opinions, to weigh options and make informed decisions.

**Potential:** College brings you a world of information as you explore your interests, and helps you understand the issues that connect communities, the nation and the world.

**Opportunity:** Critical thinking and new technology skills are vital for success and advancement in today's workforce and provide you with more career and job options.

**Income:** A person with a college certificate or degree (associate, bachelor's degree or higher) typically has a higher income and is less likely to be unemployed or underemployed than someone with a high school diploma.
TYPES OF COLLEGES
HOW TO MAKE YOUR COLLEGE LIST

Before you apply to college, you need to make a list of colleges that interest you and meet your needs. Here is a guide with suggestions on how to go about doing that.

General: Type of college, location, distance from home, size, etc.

Academic: Type of degree, majors, online v. in-person, etc.

Social: Housing options, student clubs, support services, student body, etc.

Financial: Cost, availability of financial aid and part-time jobs, etc.
FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ON YOUR COLLEGE LIST

- Go to each college’s website and sign up to receive e-mails and an information packet.
- Follow college accounts on social media
- Take an in-person or virtual campus tour
- Attend an informational session
- Talk to students, staff, and alumni of a school
HOW TO CHOOSE THE SCHOOL FOR YOU?
In Xello, (which is already in your Google quick links), use the **College Planning** tool!

- Create a profile that recommends potential careers and the education path to those careers
- Research Schools you are interested in
- Get helpful information about the Common App, FAFSA & scholarships
EXPLORE COLLEGES-
College and Career Pathways

- MnACC fair at Tech on October 23rd – Around 50 Colleges
- Campus Visits (Call Admissions Office to set-up or go to their website)
- Here is the list of college/career visits scheduled. It includes the one we are hosting. [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aNXVWg_SOuXm3BdI_xYSh-oJdHDqFGs1hRIUQfRHB7g/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aNXVWg_SOuXm3BdI_xYSh-oJdHDqFGs1hRIUQfRHB7g/edit?usp=sharing)

Steven Roenfeldt
Pathways Coordinator, Tech HS
STEPS FOR APPLYING TO COLLEGE
APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 1: FIND A SCHOOL YOU ARE INTERESTED IN!
STEP 2: Complete Application Online
APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 3: REQUEST YOUR TRANSCRIPT

COLLEGES ONLY ACCEPT A TRANSCRIPT FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

FILL OUT FORM- CLICK LINK BELOW OR SCAN THE QR CODE (ON BOARD OUTSIDE AND INSIDE COUNSELING OFFICE)

LINK TO FORM:

https://tinyurl.com/RequestTranscript2024
APPLICATION PROCESS
COMMON APP – REQUEST A TRANSCRIPT/TEACHER EVALUATION
APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 4: LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (IF NEEDED)

ASK YOUR CHOSEN TEACHER IF THEY ARE WILLING TO WRITE A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION. IF THEY AGREE, FILL OUT A FORM.

FORM - CLICK LINK BELOW OR SCAN THE QR CODE (ON BOARD OUTSIDE AND INSIDE COUNSELING OFFICE)

https://tinyurl.com/LetterofRecommendation2024
APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP 5: PAY APPLICATION

(IF APPLICABLE)

Fee waivers available if student qualifies - Talk to your counselor
FREE APPLICATIONS IN OCTOBER

Minnesota North College
Minnesota State College Southeast
Minnesota State Community and Technical College
Minnesota West Community & Technical College
Normandale Community College
North Hennepin Community College
Northland Community & Technical College
Northwest Technical College
Pine Technical and Community College
Ridgewater College
Riverland Community College
Rochester Community and Technical College
St. Cloud Technical & Community College
Saint Paul College
South Central College
Alexandria Technical & Community College
Anoka-Ramsey Community College
Anoka Technical College
Central Lakes College
Century College
Dakota County Technical College
Fond du Lac Tribal & Community College
Hennepin Technical College
Inver Hills Community College
Lake Superior College
Minneapolis College
Bemidji State University
Metro State University
Minnesota State University, Mankato
Minnesota State University Moorhead
St. Cloud State University
Southwest Minnesota State University
Winona State University
FINANCIAL AID

- FAFSA
  - Grants, loans, work study (www.FAFSA.ed.gov)
  - Process starts October 1st

- CSS/Profile
  - Start applying October 1st (required by many private colleges)
  - Application fee for each school or scholarship required
SCHOLARSHIPS

- Family contacts/employers
- Local scholarship program (March) [www.communitygiving.org](http://www.communitygiving.org)
- Colleges and Universities you apply to offer scholarships
- Check Tech website
- North Star Promise Scholarship
- Fostering Independence Grants

CAUTION! You should never pay for scholarships!
Schedule Your Senior Meeting with your Counselor!
Have a GREAT Year!

Athletes: Start your registration process at:

www.ncaaclearinghouse.net