



## Senior Year Check List for Academic Success

- ✓ Attend classes daily and submit all assignments on time
- ✓ Challenge yourself academically
- ✓ Maintain good study habits and distraction-free study area at your residence
- ✓ Maintain consistent communication with school counselor throughout the academic year
- ✓ Retake ACT/SAT, if needed, early in the academic year
- ✓ Take the PSAT or its equivalent if needed
- ✓ Complete information-gathering on schools and select between four to six schools to apply to based on your educational goals and interests
- ✓ Send out college applications during the months of September and October, noting application deadlines
- ✓ Apply to vocational programs, noting their application deadlines
- ✓ Attend college resource and scholarship fairs and apply for scholarships
- ✓ Work with school counselors in order to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in January
- ✓ Keep your case manager abreast of your academic plan
- ✓ After being accepted to your college of choice, attend the orientation session and complete financial aid paperwork at the school
- ✓ Apply for DCFS Scholarship January thru March
- ✓ Enroll in the DCFS Youth in College program or the Community College Payment Program, at least 2 months prior to attending your college of choice
- ✓ Take care of your health, get proper rest, exercise, and nutrition
- ✓ Avoid using tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and engaging in other risky behavior



**Preparation + Planning + Action = Academic Success**

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