

Plan ahead, and see it through!

Checklist and Resource Guide 12th Grade

CLASS OF 2026



- 1) Make sure you are meeting all **graduation requirements** – and college admission requirements where applicable. Meet with your school counselor to go over your credits. *Don't procrastinate* making up credit if you need it!
- 2) Keep up your **grades and involvement** and update your portfolio regularly.
Access Academic Supports
 - * **After School Tutoring Center**: Tues-Thurs, 2:50-4:00. North East Commons above Red Stairs (2nd floor)
 - * **SUPER SATURDAYS**: Some Saturdays. 10:30 – 1:30. North East Commons above Red Stairs (2nd floor)
- 3) **Submit college applications** – make sure you have completed all required steps
 - Use each college's admissions website
 - Contact college admissions offices to make sure all required materials have been received by their application deadline; check your email regularly!
 - Applying to multiple universities is encouraged – keep the doors open by applying on time, then make a final decision in the spring!
 - What information might college admissions officers review?
 - (1) GPA, ACT score
 - (2) Class rank (found on your transcript)
 - (3) Strength of high school course selection
 - (4) Letter of recommendation
 - (5) Personal essay
 - (6) Special skills, portfolio of works produced, etc.
 - (7) Your resume of involvement, leadership, service
- 4) Request official **transcripts** for all college and scholarship applications
 - See the counseling office secretary, Dana Harris, in the counseling center
- 5) **UCAW** - Utah College Application Week: October 14-16
 - Many state colleges waive application fees this week
 - Apply to all in Utah that you might be interested in
- 6) Complete the **FAFSA** – it opens October 1 – and it is free!
 - The government might help pay some of your college costs (including BTech)
 - You can take the first step now: get your FSA ID set up, at studentaid.gov
 - Go to fafsa.gov for more information and help along the way
 - LHS FAFSA Night: October 15, 6:00-8:00 p.m. – experts there to help, dinner provided
- 7) **Career Exploration**
 - Explore high-demand careers in Utah: <https://talentready.ushe.edu/>
 - Take the **ASVAB test** on (November 18 at LHS)
 - Virtual Job Shadow
 - [YouScience.com](https://www.youscience.com) (remember the exploration tool from 9th grade?? It's still available!)
 - Talk with your counselor, teachers, and parents!

- 8) Learn the **NCAA** requirements if you might want to play college sports
 - i) Review the requirements and register at: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
 - ii) Check-in with our NCAA liaison, LaRon Bond, in the counseling center

- 9) **State USHE Scholarships** (ushe.edu/state-scholarships-aid)
 - These open **January 5; Priority Deadline January 23**
 - **Opportunity Scholarship**
 - i) Requirements:
 - ☐ 3.3 GPA
 - ☐ college-level course in each: Math, Science, and Language Arts
 - ☐ Complete FAFSA
 - **First Credential (“Prime”) Scholarship**
 - i) Requirements: complete any ONE of these:
 - ☐ complete concurrent enrollment general education courses in five categories
 - ☐ 300 hours (or six courses) at a tech college
 - ☐ complete an internship

- 10) Continue searching and applying for **scholarships**
 - **Install the Keys to Success app on your phone and link to Logan High!**
 - Check on our website: www.loganhigh.org/scholarships
 - Regularly check “The Wall” by the counseling center
 - Use free services like scholarships.com, fastweb.com, etc. (warning: spam email!)
 - **Make sure you are using ParentSquare/StudentSquare**
 - **ACT, SAT, AP Test** prep resources
 - i) Register at www.act.org and sat.collegeboard.org; many colleges are waiving these for admissions, but they are still often needed for scholarships!
 - ii) Some websites with practice resources and tips (find these and others on the LHS Website, under Counseling >> College and Career Planning >> Testing)
 - (1) collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/psat-nmsqt-psat-10/practice
 - (2) www.actstudent.org/testprep
 - (3) sat.collegeboard.org/practice
 - (4) Powerscore.com – free practice tests, with answer key
 - (5) Thecriticalreader.com – test taking strategies
 - (6) **Shmoop**
 - (a) <https://schools.shmoop.com/login/logan-high-school/x>
 - (b) “magic word” is FRYSAUCE

- 11) **Learn** more about types of aid, pros and cons, and payment calculators at finaid.org

- 12) **Make your senior year count!** Remember you can still enroll in **Concurrent Enrollment** and college preparatory classes in spring semester, and you can sign up for classes at the **BTech Technical College** for spring and summer as well!
Colleges and employers want to see that you are still challenging yourself, not slacking off your senior year. And you will be better prepared! Take charge of your education and plan to be a life-long learner!