

CLASS PERIODS

There are seven class periods in a traditional school day.

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GRADE 12

Start Your
Post-Graduation
Planning!



TORCH

The mission of TORCH is to support and empower students in graduating from high school and pursuing future goals, with an intentional focus on partnering with Northfield's students of color, youth from low-income families, and first-generation college attendees.

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START YOUR POST-GRADUATION PLANNING!

- What are you interested in?
- What would you like to study?
- How long do you want to study?
- Many options including: apprenticeships, employment with on-the-job training, 2-or 4-year colleges and universities

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A...

College or University?

Know yourself first.

Pick out 3–5 things that are important to you and look for schools, finding the ‘right fit.’

- Majors and programs offered
- Size
- Distance from home
- How selective are admissions?
- Financial aid options
- Cost (explore options before deciding against a school!)

APPLY EARLY AND KEEP TRACK OF DEADLINES!

Vocational or Trade School?

- Career specific programs with certification options
- Some are for-profit, so get job placement rates and reviews
- If you plan to transfer after completing a technical certificate or degree, check into the transferability before enrolling!

CHECKLIST FOR ALL SENIORS

SEPTEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select 4-6 colleges you will apply to (make sure at least one is in-state). • Complete student and parent FSA ID; FAFSA opens October 1. • Draft your résumé and application essays—have people edit them. • Start searching for scholarships. • Set up a professional e-mail for school communication—check it every other day
OCTOBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete FAFSA. Opens October 1. • Continue your scholarship search.
NOVEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request official transcripts for college applications from Naviance. • Ensure FAFSA has been received by your selected schools. Check schools for deadlines.
DECEMBER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete and submit college applications. Ask your counselor for fee waivers if needed. • Create a calendar of deadlines through summer.
JANUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete any remaining college applications/ scholarships. • Double-check with colleges to make sure all information has been received. • Request transcripts if needed for applications.
FEBRUARY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested in an apprenticeship? Start looking for local unions or technical colleges that work with apprenticeships. Each union has a different deadline.
MARCH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If working right away, start creating a plan: What type of industry would you like to work in? Stay local to Northfield?
APRIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review your financial award letter(s). Create a LinkedIn account.
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm college choice by May 1 and notify colleges you are not attending. • Find out when housing deposit payments are due and submit. • Complete High School and Beyond Plan in Naviance.
JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify your high school which college you've selected and scholarships you've received. • Request official transcript from Naviance.
JULY-AUGUST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up and/or update the school portal account. • Keep up with checking e-mails/tracking deadlines.



Execute Your Plan

- Transcript Requests and Application Management (Naviance)
- Recommendations (Naviance)
- Continue to build your résumé—helps with job applications or college applications! (Naviance)

Time Management

- Use your post-graduation planning to build on your time management skills!
- Grow your time management skills—talk with your parents about what helps them balance everything!