

School Counsellors' Overview of the Graduation Year and Beyond, for Parents

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Planning for After High School

☞ myBlueprint



☞ Web site-

<https://www.myblueprint.ca/HRCE>

☞ Students access through their “gnspe.ca” launch page.

AARAO

Atlantic Association of Registrars and Admissions Officers

- AARAO hosts post-secondary opportunities fairs for students and their supporters to learn about multiple educational options in one convenient location
- AARAO will be at Auburn Drive on Tuesday October 3rd from 9:50am – 10:50am
- There will be a Parent/Guardian session held at Cole Harbour Place on Thursday October 5th from 6pm to 8pm.
- Website: <https://aaroo.ca/>

WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?

- Go directly to full-time work
- Travel – gap year experience
- Apprenticeship (formal on-the-job training program for “Red Seal Trades”) Visit <https://nsapprenticeship.ca> for information
- Community College
- Military Training and Employment
- Private Career College: Business, Cosmetology, Computer, Services etc.
- University – public, private (US), religious

What information do students need?

- ☛ Student's skills and interests (not yours!)
- ☛ Programs that match those skills & interests
- ☛ High school course requirements and grades necessary to apply for the programs
- ☛ Institutions that offer the programs
- ☛ Location of institution (does it fit student- visit, check things out, stay at home or residence?)
- ☛ Consider - cost of program, travel, textbooks and other supplies

Parental Support of Student

- ☛ It is important to support your student in the process, but not do the process for them.
- ☛ It is their future – the student needs to take ownership
- ☛ Post-secondary institutions consider students to be young adults; they talk to the student – not the parent

Credit Check and Grad List

- ☛ The school counsellors will check student's graduation status, but it remains the responsibility of students and parents to ensure that all graduation requirements are met.
- ☛ The **Potential Grad List** is the list of all grade 12 students who are on track to graduate in June 2024. It will be posted in early October and at the end of February. The list posted the day before graduation is the actual **Graduation List**.
- ☛ The Potential Grad List is meant to show students what we have on record as their full name in order to prepare graduation diplomas. It must be the correct **full legal name**.

Graduation Requirements

- ☛ **18 credits (at least 5 must be at grade 12 level, and no more than 7 grade 10 level)**

The 13 Compulsory Credits are:

- ☛ 3 English (grade 10, 11 & 12)
- ☛ 3 Math (one at each of the 3 different grade levels)
- ☛ 2 Science (1 must be Science 10, Biology 11, Physics 11 or Chemistry 11)
- ☛ 1 Other from Math, Science or Technology
- ☛ 1 Canadian History (Mi'kmaq Studies 11, African Canadian Studies 11 or Canadian History 11)
- ☛ 1 Physical Education credit
- ☛ 1 Fine Art credit (music, art or drama)
- ☛ 1 Global Studies (Global Geography 12, Global History 12 or AP World History)

(French immersion students require 9 French immersion credits in order to receive the French Immersion completion certificate)

Finding Post-secondary Information

- ☛ ***Go on-line to the institutions' websites***
- ☛ Many institutions' printed brochures and calendars are available from the institution
- ☛ Ontario has one central application centre (OUAC) for all of their post-secondary institutions
- ☛ Attend presentations by visiting institutions that take place at Auburn Drive High School
- ☛ Attend Open Houses at institutions
- ☛ Visit your School Counsellor

U.S. and Other Foreign Institutions

- ☛ Should apply before Christmas. Fee required. Outside North America may have deadlines as early as October. (Canadians are considered international students). About 60% of U.S. universities are still test-optional, but that means that about 40% are requiring an SAT or ACT for admissions. You can see a list of test-optional schools [on this website](#).
- ☛ **SAT** : www.collegeboard.com
 - must apply to write the exam prior to the exam date.
- **ACT**: www.act.org/content/act/en.html
 - must apply to write the exam prior to the exam date.

Requesting Transcripts

- ☛ Most post-secondary institutions in Nova Scotia are now part of the MyTranscripts system through the MyNSFuture gateway. This system provides 11 post-secondary institutions in Nova Scotia with transcripts for students when they give their 10-digit student identification number on the post-secondary application. Visit the MyNSFuture-MyTranscripts at <https://www.mynsfuture.ca/mytranscripts>.
- ☛ If applying outside of Nova Scotia, students must place an order through the Auburn Drive High School website. Students are responsible for mailing transcripts to the post-secondary institutions.
- ☛ Students can request up to 5 transcripts at a time.
- ☛ In the graduation package there will be two sealed transcripts, one of which must be sent to the post-secondary institution the student will attend in the fall, if the institution is not using the MyTranscripts system.

Completing the Application- following graduation

- ☛ In all cases final marks must be sent to the institution **following graduation in June**. If the institution is using the MyTranscripts system then they will access the final transcript.
- ☛ It is the student's responsibility to deliver the final transcript to the institution.
- ☛ Students pick actual courses and schedules in the spring or summer through online systems.

Scholarships and Awards

- ☛ Money is available but requires research on the part of the student. Any scholarships that Auburn is made aware of are listed on the school's website (under "Our School"), on the Grade 12 Google Classroom, on the Auburn Student Services Instagram account and posted on the bulletin board in Student Services.
- ☛ Awards are based on student's academic achievements as well as school and community involvement.
- ☛ There are also monetary awards/bursaries based on financial need, leadership, volunteerism, etc.
- ☛ Entrance awards are awarded by practically all universities, and by some private colleges.
- ☛ Institution specific awards available for some programs
- ☛ Community/corporate scholarships and bursaries
- ☛ Auburn specific awards – student must submit application on-line in May.

Scholarships

- Please give a copy of any scholarship offers that your child receives to the main office.
- Students who receive a scholarship letter at the graduation ceremony must bring the letter, as well as proof of post-secondary enrolment, to Ms. Saunders in September 2024.
- The money will be forwarded directly to the institution.

Important Dates

- NSCC: apply now, Open House Thursday October 19th from 9am to 7pm
- Local Universities: by first of March in order to be considered for entrance scholarships (University or specific program deadlines may vary)
- Prom: TBD; Prom Committee sign up
- Graduation: TBD



Thank You

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announcements, follow us on Instagram
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Questions?

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