

JUNIOR YEAR CHECKLIST



Prepare for the SAT and Start the College Search

Your junior year is key in preparing for standardized tests, staying on track with your classes, and gathering college information.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

- Meet with your school counselor to discuss your options for college.
- Get involved with extracurricular activities.
- Stay on track with your academics.
- Start studying for the SAT/ACT/CLT, SAT Subject Tests, and AP exams.
- Take the PSAT/NMSQT.
- Make a file to manage your college search information, testing, and application data.
- Gather college information by attending college fairs and conducting online research.
- Make a list of potential colleges you are interested in attending.
- Start to plan college visits.
- Create and/or update your resume.
- Mark dates on your calendar for upcoming tests.
- Keep fostering relationships with potential writers for letters of recommendation

NOVEMBER-FEBRUARY

- Continue to study for the SAT/ACT/CLT and register for an exam date.
- Start narrowing down your college choices and categorize by safety, match, and reach.
- Volunteer over winter break if possible/applicable.
- Start creating a list of scholarships and begin applying.
- Research summer internship and volunteer programs.
- Discuss college affordability with your family and determine financial need.

MARCH-MAY

- Discuss your senior year class schedule with your college counselor.
- Continue your scholarship search.
- Apply for summer internship and volunteer programs.
- Learn about the financial aid process.
- Start visiting colleges in person or virtually.
- Contact writers for letters of recommendation.

JUNE-AUGUST

- Continue to visit your top college choices.
- Work a summer job, internship, or volunteer position to gain experience.
- Get an FSA ID and gather financial aid documents for the FAFSA.
- Continue to apply to scholarship opportunities.
- Start working on your college application essays and personal statements.
- Request letters of recommendation at least two weeks prior to due date.
- Retake the SAT/ACT/CLT to improve your score, if applicable.
- Mark down all deadlines for scholarships, admissions applications, and the FAFSA.