

Junior Year Timeline

September

1. Begin to think about your reasons for going to college. What are your goals? What learning opportunities are most important? Do your college plans include career plans or training? Talk to your parents, counselor, teachers and friends.
2. Plan your extra-curricular projects for this year and next

October

1. Take the PSAT.
2. Attend college programs and the various college nights at public high schools. Notices are posted in the Student Office and on the Student Office bulletin board.
3. Watch the bulletin for college representative visits.
4. If you might be interested in a military academy or ROTC, get information now.

November

1. Focus on doing well in your classes. The Junior year is looked at most closely by colleges.
2. Set up a place and files for college materials.
3. Read materials to familiarize yourself with the college admissions process and language.

December

1. Keep talking to parents and friends about what they see as the best type of college environment and major for you and where they went to school or schools they know about.
2. Plan holiday visits to colleges.

January

1. Receive your PSAT results and study the materials that come with them.
2. Decide if you will need test preparation workshops or materials for the SAT and make arrangements for them early.

February

1. Begin college search in earnest. Identify the important factors in choosing a college for you. Two-year or four-year? Location? Cost? Public or private? Programs you need?
2. Religious factors? Social environment? Focus on your goal, career interests, and special talents. Consult guidebooks, videos, and materials in the Counseling Center.
3. Register for the March SAT I if appropriate. See your counselor.
4. Start investigating scholarships.
5. Register for the March SAT, if appropriate.
6. Register for April ACT, if appropriate.

March

1. Register for the May SAT I or SAT II.
2. Meet with counselor to begin preparing a list of 10-20 colleges to explore. Contact colleges and get any information you need. Read, discuss, listen. and visit colleges.
3. Research interesting and challenging summer courses, internships, jobs, travel, or activities. These are important for your resume and as possible subjects for your essays. They include your maturity and seriousness in pursuing your
4. interests. Search for summer opportunities.

April

1. Register for the June SAT I, ACT, or SAT II.
2. Attend Spring college weekends at the colleges in which you are interested.
3. Consider an ACT, SAT prep program if needed.

May

1. Take SAT I or SAT II.
2. Take AP exams, if appropriate.
3. Narrow your college list.
4. Decide which ones you can visit this summer.
5. Finish the year with flying colors. This is your most important semester for colleges.

June

1. Take SAT I or SAT II.
2. Take ACT.
3. Finalize summer plans.