

College Planning Checklist For High School Juniors

Helping your high school junior plan for college can be overwhelming, but we are here to help. Use this College Planning Checklist to help navigate the admissions process for any college.



August – September

- Research colleges and create a list of 6-8
- Explore all your possibilities – large and small, public and private, two-year and four-year, close to home and farther away
- Attend college fairs
- Request information from several colleges
- Talk to your counselor about taking the PSAT in October



October – December

- Take the PSAT in October
- Sign up to take the ACT/SAT in the spring
- Meet with your guidance counselor to discuss ways to improve your college preparedness
- Follow colleges on social media
- Explore your major options
- Start researching scholarships online



January – May

- Take the free ACT/SAT for juniors
- Keep a copy of your tax returns to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which opens Oct. 1, 2020
- Take the Advanced Placement (AP) Test in May, if applicable
- If you plan to take courses through the CCP program, complete your letter of intent to participate no later than April 1



June - July

- Plan to visit 3-5 colleges during the summer
- Start working on your college applications early, especially if essays, letters of recommendation, or interviews are required

Keep on rocking the college search into your senior year