

PLANNING TIMELINE FOR JUNIORS:

September:

- Prepare for PSAT by visiting www.collegeboard.com
- Attend informational sessions given by college reps.
- Get involved! Activities will help you branch out, and it looks good on a college application. Consider a sport, club, or volunteer opportunity.

October:

- Attend college fairs (Visit the Career Center for information.)
- Register and take the PSAT. (Ask your counselor for information.)
- Visit colleges during MEA break.
- Learn about local scholarship requirements.

November:

- Schedule an appointment with your counselor to discuss school performance, G.P.A. and post-secondary plans.
- Review course work to see if it meets college/career/NCAA requirements.
- Research careers that appeal to you.
- Set up job opportunities with people in careers in which you are interested to see what it's really like.
- Talk with family and friends to learn more about their post-secondary experiences.

December:

- Review your PSAT results for strengths and weaknesses; develop an improvement plan.
- Review your post-secondary plans.

January:

- Study for the ACT or SAT.
- Review high school courses that are still needed to help you reach your career/educational goals. Map out a plan to include these courses for your senior year.

February:

- Check out colleges in which you're interested online.
- Review admission criteria and program offerings.
- Visit www.studentaid.ed.gov to start making a plan for funding your education.

March:

- Register for the April ACT and/or SAT.
- Contact the colleges that interest you to schedule a visit. Visiting during the school year allows you to see the campus in action.
- Register for Advanced Placement/IB Exams, if appropriate.

April:

- Attend Spring College Fairs.
- Gather information about the schools you selected to narrow your choices. Contact the schools for more information. Consider majors, quality of the education, cost, and location. Talk to students who have attended the school.
- Investigate summer job or volunteer opportunities.

May:

- Register for June ACT and/or SAT.
- Consider summer school for enrichment or remediation.
- Take Advanced Placement/IB Exams.
- Apply for a summer job if you have not already done so.

June:

- Take the ACT or SAT.
- Consult your English teacher for appropriate summer reading.
- Schedule visits with schools in which you are interested.
- Start searching for scholarships.

July/August:

- If you have lost your original Social Security Card, apply for one now at www.ssa.gov. You will need it to verify the accuracy of your number.
- Schedule visits with schools in which you are interested.
- Start working on a resume to keep track of all the activities you have been involved with from grades 9-12.
- Your senior year is about to begin. Make the most of your courses, and do not procrastinate. Many things will compete for your time in the coming year!