

Junior Year College



Planning Checklist

- Seek out your school counselor for information and advice
- Take the most challenging honors and AP courses that are appropriate for you.
- Earn college credit in high school by taking AP, IB, Dual Credit or Tech-Prep courses.
- Review your transcript for accuracy.
- This year's academic record will go a long way toward either helping or hurting your chances of gaining admission to your schools of choice. You can make up ground if you've been slacking and you can keep up the hard work you've already exhibited.
- Take solid elective courses. (extra math, science, foreign language, social sciences, computers, etc.).
- Prepare to take the PSAT/NMSQT in the fall. It is key to some scholarships.
- Take the ACT and/or SAT during the spring semester.
- Explore potential careers and job opportunities in those careers.
- Research possible colleges and request/download information from them. Start making a college list. Use tools like <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search> to help!
- Visit college campuses (campus tour, visit with advisors/faculty, pick up admission packet).
- Get to know the admission criteria for your top schools. Know where you stand in relation to those requirements and work toward changing what you can (if you fall short). Visit <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search> for help with this.
- Attend events on college campuses. Look at possible summer college programs in majors that interest you. (plays, concerts, sporting events, activities related to your major, etc.).
- Run for leadership positions in the organizations you are involved in.
- Expand your extracurricular activities beyond the school building. Look for work or internships in the fields that interest you in the community.
- Volunteer in your local community or at school. This is important to colleges!