



Preparing for Graduation: Juniors

Fall

- Check out potential scholarship information from now until the end of your junior year.
- If appropriate, explore Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, and Post-Secondary options
- Attend any College presentations offered at school
- Look over the schedule for testing for the SAT and the ACT.
- Take the PSAT and Practice ACT
- Review your current classes and grades; work to improve your grades if needed
- Acquire part-time volunteer or job experiences related to career plans

Winter

- Visit college campuses during Winter Break – you may not be able to set any appointments, but you can at least get a feel for the campus
- Continue to research information about colleges through the Internet
- If you took the PSAT, you will receive your scores soon. Look over your results to determine how you might improve on future SAT tests
- Register to take the SAT and/or ACT, as well as the SAT II if you will need these tests for college admission. It is recommended that you take the SAT II exams in June.
- Explore career goals and opportunities
- Write to colleges on your list and begin reviewing their literature
- When registering for your senior classes, continue to challenge yourself. Don't look for an easy senior year.

Spring

- Check admission requirements against your own course of studies
- Visit colleges and take tours during Spring break
- Attend National College Fairs
- Take ACT test and/or SAT I and SAT II (optional).
- If appropriate, explore Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, and Post-Secondary options
- Get involved in volunteer activities
- Take AP Exams

Summer

- Improve your reading and vocabulary skills
- Start working on your college essay (personal statement)
- Plan your fall college visits to the most competitive colleges and call for interview appointments for private and out-of-state schools as early in the summer as possible
- Work on your resume to give to individuals you will be asking to write a letter of recommendation for you