

COLLEGE PREP-101

Junior Year Checklist

- 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.
- Volunteer to help someone a year older than you locate scholarship information with the understanding that you'll get all their information when they're through.
- Take the PSAT in October (this one is to qualify for National Merit Scholarship Competition). It can be very important
- Attend an ACT/SAT preparation workshop (if you can't, you should purchase practice books, software, etc. to help you prepare)
- Take the ACT and/or SAT during the spring semester. That way you'll have at least one score going into your senior year. This also puts you on schools' mailing lists and gives significant information to the schools you are considering.
- Research possible colleges and request or download information from them
- Visit college campuses (campus tour, visit with advisors/faculty, pick up admission packet)
- Take solid elective courses (extra math, science, foreign language, social sciences, computers, etc.)
- Talk to friends and family to gather ideas on colleges
- Run for leadership positions in the organizations you are involved in
- Ask your high school counselor for suggestions as to colleges you should consider but might not have thought of on your own (based on major, scholarships, location, etc.)
- 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).
- Get involved in extracurricular activities
- Volunteer in your community
- Explore careers and job opportunities in those careers
- Study hard and do well in school – Remember, your grades will count toward college and will show up on your permanent record

- ☑ Start to attend events on college campuses (plays, concerts, sporting events, activities related to your major, etc.)
- ☑ Get to know your high school counselor (the College or Senior Counselor) and let them get to know you and your goals, career aspirations, schools you are considering, etc. Your parents may want to go along too.
- ☑ Talk to your friends about what they plan to do after college. Talk to your parents and your friends' parents about what they do.

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