

Junior Year Checklist for College Planning

Fall

- ✓ Update your post-secondary plans in [xello](#) to reflect your career and educational goals
- ✓ Sign up to meet with college representatives scheduled to visit our high school
- ✓ Attend college night programs held in our area during the evening
- ✓ Talk to friends, family and teachers about their experiences
- ✓ Share your post-secondary plans with your counselor or college adviser
- ✓ Take the optional PSAT/NMSQT in October

Winter

- ✓ Review your PSAT/NMSQT Score Report in December and get answer explanations online at collegereadiness.collegeboard.org
- ✓ Create a free Khan Academy account for SAT practice
- ✓ Prepare to take the statewide college entrance and work skills assessments in April
- ✓ Make good scheduling decisions regarding your senior year classes and make sure to include at least 3 credits of academic coursework including mathematics in your senior year
- ✓ Challenge yourself with AP classes and continue with foreign languages that you have started

Spring

- ✓ Begin to visit college campuses that are of interest to you and bring your parents with you so they can get their questions answered as well
- ✓ Arrange enriching summer activities early, including volunteering, getting an interesting job or an internship
- ✓ Review your SAT Score Report from the April statewide testing and if you decide the colleges you are interested in might need higher SAT scores go to collegeboard.org to sign up for a retake of the SAT
- ✓ Check the [SHS Guidance Office](#) website to find scholarship search links and other important information for college planning
- ✓ Create a [Parchment](#) new learner account using your personal email in order to request transcripts for college applications in the fall

Summer

- ✓ Continue to take campus tours, this is very important to do over the summer
- ✓ Request application instructions and scholarship information from the colleges you are serious about
- ✓ Check important dates some universities have early deadlines or rolling admissions where it is to your advantage to apply as early as possible