

COLLEGE CHECKLIST FOR JUNIOR YEAR

Summer

- _____ Do a career interest inventory
- _____ Make a list of important factors
- _____ Research colleges online
- _____ Make a list of prospective colleges

October

- _____ Take the PSAT/NMSQT in mid-October
- _____ Make a list of entrance requirements

Spring

- _____ Schedule time to meet with counselor for credit check and planning classes for senior year
- _____ Make a college visit during breaks
- _____ Take the SAT and/or ACT in May or June
- _____ Take SAT II if required by college you plan to apply
- _____ Start preparing portfolio, audition materials, writing samples, or other evidence of talent
- _____ Request information from colleges by setting up college admissions email account; (Be sure to use an email address that is appropriate and mature, not one that an admissions officer would view as silly or inappropriate.)

FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE CHECKLIST FOR SENIOR YEAR

Fall

- _____ Review plans with counselor or career specialist
- _____ Create Activity Log or College Resume
- _____ Write college essay
- _____ Register to take SAT or ACT if needed
- _____ Finalize portfolio, audition materials, or writing samples
- _____ Create an application spreadsheet to help track document deadlines

October/November

- _____ Complete personal statement/essay for application
- _____ Complete applications online
- _____ Ask counselor for letter of recommendation if needed
- _____ Ask teachers for letter of recommendation if needed
- _____ Request transcript be sent to colleges
- _____ Meet all deadlines on time

January

- _____ Complete FAFSA for financial aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- _____ Research scholarships and apply (OHS Senior Notes each month)
- _____ Research scholarships at college and from trusted websites (www.fastweb.com; www.collegeboard.com; www.scholarships.com)

Spring

- _____ Wait for acceptance and offers
- _____ Review award letters and weigh your options
- _____ Notify colleges of your final decision
- _____ Send deposit to college

June

- _____ Request final transcript be sent to college (form in Senior Notes)