

Preparing for College Checklist JUNIOR YEAR

SEPTEMBER

- Check with your counselor about credits for graduation and make sure you are on track.
- Take a strong academic preparation program.
- Prepare for the PSAT test. See your counselor about programs to help.
- Obtain a Social Security number (or Resident Alien ID) if you don't already have one.
- Organize a calendar with deadlines.

OCTOBER

- Take the PSAT test in October (results in about six weeks). Top scores qualify for National Merit Scholarships (notification next fall).
- Attend College Fairs and financial aid/parent night events.

NOVEMBER

- Develop a preliminary college list with parents and counselors. Plan to apply to three to six schools.
- Write to colleges or other programs for brochures and admission information.
- Talk with military, college and vocational school representatives who visit your school.
- Take the ASVAB- (Armed Services Vocational and Battery).
- Start looking into eligibility requirements for federal and other student loans.

DECEMBER

- Look for your PSAT/NMSQT score report.
- If you are interested or enrolled in Advanced Placement classes, ask about AP exams.
- Check with the colleges that you are applying to for specific testing requirements.
- Talk to your high school counselor about registration deadlines.

JANUARY

- Discuss PSAT scores with counselor, SAT/ACT prep courses.
- Register to take the SAT or ACT.
- Look through the catalogs of the schools that you are interested in applying to.

FEBRUARY

- Prepare for SAT I and ACT given this month.
- Check transcript with counselor and plan senior year.
- Start investigating private scholarships and student aid programs.

MARCH

- Register for your Senior classes. Check with your counselor to make sure you are on the way to graduation.
- Register for SAT I and ACT for May or June tests or if need to re-take it.
- Register for AP exams.

APRIL

- Notify your counselor of scholarships/academic awards received.
- Prepare a resume and begin looking for a summer job or volunteer program.
- Make appointments to visit colleges, universities and tech programs during the summer.
- Begin preparing essays for college admissions and scholarship applications.

MAY

- SAT I, SAT II, and AP Exams given this month.
- Many colleges have summer school classes or programs you can take. Check them out!
- Do some volunteer work in field of interest.

JUNE

- SAT I, SAT II, and ACT given this month.
- Athletes get cleared by the NCAA by submitting on-line at www.ncaa.org