

College Planning Checklist for Juniors

- Continue to take challenging courses. Keep up your grades and be sure to study hard. Seek help from your teachers early if you experience academic difficulties.
- Take the PSAT in the fall to see if you qualify for a National Merit Scholarship and use your results to prepare for your SAT. Take the PreACT in the Spring to prepare for the ACT.
- Work on your resume and update it throughout the year.
- Continue using your Naviance account to explore careers, colleges, scholarships and more. Begin building your college list and adding it to your “favorites”.
- Attend college visits and college fairs. Begin communicating with admissions officers/coaches at colleges on your list.
- Visit prospective colleges during school breaks/weekends.
- Students interested in enrolling in one of the five military academies should begin preparing early in high school, and ideally complete a preliminary application in their junior year. You can request the application from a regional command office or from the institution itself, or you can apply online.
- Attend all college planning meetings hosted by the guidance office.
- If you are interest in being recruited for athletics, talk to your coaches and explore eligibility requirements. Sign up with NCAA Clearinghouse.
- Sign up for SAT Subject Tests which correspond with an honors or Advanced Placement class. Sign up for and take your AP Exams in May.
- Choose meaningful summer activities: academic or enrichment programs, volunteer activities or employment
- Begin preparation for the application process: draft essays, assemble portfolios, contact coaches if you are an athlete, consider letters of recommendation, etc.