

## High School “To Do” List

### Junior:

- Keep and update your planner.
- Take the PSAT in October.
- Plan to participate in leadership and extra-curricular activities.
- Attend Career and College Fairs at local community colleges and your high school.
- Take AP exams if appropriate.
- Re-think, or re-check your four-year high school plan with your adult and counselor.
- Take the SAT I, SAT II, and/or ACT in the spring. Take a preparation class if needed. (Check with your counselor or Career Center for dates/times/cost).
- Read college catalogues: write to colleges for information. Attend scheduled college admissions conference or visitations. Visit college campuses, while they are in session.
- Be practical! Look at your top five college choices and ask: Do I qualify? Can I afford the school? Do I need to schedule an interview? Have I talked with students who now attend the college? Does the school offer my major? Does the school’s housing meet my needs? Does the social life fit my style? Have I seen the campus? What are the summer opportunities regarding honors programs, work, study, etc.?
- Begin reviewing scholarships.
- Get a head start. Earn degree credits at the community college through Running Start or Tech Prep classes.
- Make sure you are meeting the academic criteria of your college of interest.
- Update your introductory letter and continue to write to coaches and schools where you would like to attend.
- Send your video out to coaches.
- The best time to do unofficial college visitations is in the fall.
- You are allowed to verbally commit to a school at anytime, but the junior season is the most typical season.
- Register at [university.com](http://university.com) if you are planning to play athletics.
- Explore careers and their earning potential.
- Take exams for college admission in the spring.
- Start scholarship searching.

### Summer before senior year:

- Narrow down the list of colleges you’re considering.
- Contact colleges and request information.
- Decide if you’re going to apply early action and what you need to do that.