

The Counselor Compass

Riverview Jr-Sr High School Guidance Department



College Planning Checklist Junior Year

Junior year marks a turning point. You are half way there – time for serious planning on post-secondary goals!

August – September

- Be enrolled in the most challenging courses you can take
- Download APP or sign up for the SAT/ACT word of the day or problem of the day
- Consider running for a leadership position in your class, club, organization or sport
- Attend college visits at the high school with representatives from colleges
- Parents attend College Planning/Financial Aid night at school and continue communication with the Guidance Department and website.
- Forbes students also continue with their plan

October – November

- All juniors will take the PSAT
- The junior year PSAT scores may qualify a student for the National Merit Scholarship Competition
- *The Free Student* search process begins with taking the PSAT
- Junior year grades are extremely important – keep those grades up!
- Take the ASVAB if interested in a Military Career
- Complete another Career Shadow experience

December – January

- Receive PSAT results and use the college board website for information on your score and how to prepare for the SAT
- Prepare for midterm exams and projects
- Use the Naviance software to update your resume and activity page
- Complete Community Service Hours
- Research and register for the National College Fair

February-March

- Attend the National College Fair at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center
- Make a list of colleges that interest you
- Research the schools by emailing them or by telephone
- Gather admissions and financial aid information
- Attend spring campus tours
- Obtain a college visit absence form from the office
- Register for a Spring SAT or ACT
- Select your senior year courses carefully – be sure to challenge yourself academically

April - May

- To prepare for the SAT or ACT – if needed, sign up for a prep course
- Prepare for the AP exams and final exams – do some serious studying!
- Meet with the Guidance Department to review summer college plans
- Continue to develop college list and make plans to visit campuses over the summer
- Discuss letters of recommendation with your teachers

June - August

- Receive SAT/ACT scores and review the results on collegboard.com
- Attend college campus tours for your top choices
- Interview with college admissions office and Financial Aid office
- Make a list of colleges you are applying to – begin the process!