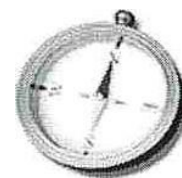


The Counselor Compass



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College Planning Checklist – Junior Year

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

August-September:

- Be enrolled in the most challenging courses you can take
- Consider running for a leadership position in your class, club, organization, or sport
- Attend virtual college visits with Rep Visits on Naviance
- Parents attend the Virtual Financial Aid Night
- Forbes students also continue with their plan

October-November:

- All juniors will take the PSAT. The 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!

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
- Complete community service hours

February-March:

- Attend the National College Fair in Pittsburgh
- Make a list of colleges that interest you
- Research the schools
- Gather admissions and financial aid information
- Attend spring campus tours
- Register for a Spring SAT or ACT
- Meet with your School Counselor to 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 your School Counselor 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 collegeboard.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!