

College Admission Planning Checklist (Junior Year)

*July to September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Visit with your school counselor to make sure you are on track to graduate and fulfill college admission requirements. If you're ahead of schedule, consider taking courses at a local university or community college to get a jumpstart on college credit. <input type="checkbox"/> Create an e-mail exclusively for the college admissions process. <input type="checkbox"/> Research test dates and register for the PSAT, ACT, and SAT. You'll need to register up to six weeks ahead of time. Take practice tests. <input type="checkbox"/> Develop your academic and activities résumé—a record of your accomplishments, activities, and work experiences. This will be an important part of your college application. <input type="checkbox"/> If you haven't participated in many activities outside of class, now is the time to sign up. Consider clubs at schools, team sports, leadership roles, or involvement in your religious or civic community group. <input type="checkbox"/> Identify qualities important to you in your choice of college (self-surveys, what I want in a college surveys, research) <input type="checkbox"/> Attend college representative meetings at your school as well as college night programs and college fair <input type="checkbox"/> Athletes – Make sure you are registered with the NCAA eligibility Center...
*October to November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Take the PSAT (generally mid-October). Taking the test as a junior will qualify you for some scholarship consideration and identify you to colleges as a potential applicant. <input type="checkbox"/> Arrange campus visits to those schools that interest you most (OK to visit more than once) <input type="checkbox"/> Attend college representative meetings at your school as well as college night programs and college fairs <input type="checkbox"/> Begin Researching Colleges <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare a college living budget <input type="checkbox"/> Investigate Career Options <input type="checkbox"/> Parents – calculate Expected Family Contribution (EFC). <input type="checkbox"/> Attend a Financial Aid event (preferably college financial aid office guided)
*December to February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend college representative meetings at your school as well as college night programs and college fairs <input type="checkbox"/> If you haven't already attend a Financial Aid event (preferably college financial aid office guided) <input type="checkbox"/> Research summer opportunities on college campuses. These can be a great way to find out what college life is all about <input type="checkbox"/> Begin researching scholarship opportunities (start local) <input type="checkbox"/> Consider using Spring break to visit a few colleges <input type="checkbox"/> Athletes – begin contacting college coaches <input type="checkbox"/> Get organized, create a system for keeping all your college information organized
*March to May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Attend college representative meetings at your school as well as college night programs and college fairs <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your guidance counselor again to develop your senior schedule. Make sure that you will be enrolled in the most challenging courses for which you are qualified. Most colleges will look carefully at the breadth and depth of your senior year schedule. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin paring down your list to those schools you are most seriously considering. Make a list of what criteria you consider to be the "must haves" for your good match colleges. <input type="checkbox"/> Identify and informally talk to teachers, counselors and coaches about writing a recommendation for you. <input type="checkbox"/> Update your record of extracurricular activities, awards, etc.
*Summer before Senior Year	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to investigate my college options <input type="checkbox"/> Refine my list of colleges to those to which I may apply <input type="checkbox"/> Prepare for SAT's or ACTs <input type="checkbox"/> Talk with current college students <input type="checkbox"/> Write to request for college applications <input type="checkbox"/> Work on my essays <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule College Visits. Where? When? <input type="checkbox"/> Organize my list of activities <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____