

Junior Year Timeline

Students should be taking an active role in their college search by spring of their junior year in high school.

March/April	<p>Determine the Type of College You are Looking For</p> <p>Collect Information About Colleges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ College Fairs◆ Guidance Office◆ Parents◆ Friends◆ Teachers◆ Internet College Searches <p>Begin College Visits</p> <p>Begin Scholarship Search</p> <p>Register for College Exams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ SAT Reasoning Tests◆ SAT Subject Tests◆ ACT Testing <p>Work REALLY HARD; junior-year grades are extremely important for college admissions. Also, choose courses for your senior year to meet college entrance requirements.</p>
April/May/June	<p>Take SAT, ACT, AP exams</p>
July/August	<p>Visit College Campuses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Talk to graduates and current student from the school.◆ Some schools require interviews (this is a perfect time to take care of them).
September	<p>Make Appointment with Counselor for Letter of Recommendation (if needed)</p>
Sept.-Nov.	<p>Fill Out College Applications (narrow choices to 3 to 5 schools)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Meet with guidance counselors to mail transcripts and answer questions.◆ Check admissions deadlines paying close attention to Early Action/Decision.◆ Meet with college representatives when they visit your school.◆ Maintain or improve academic grades during senior year.◆ Retake SAT or ACT if you need improvement.
December	<p>Make Sure All Applications/Transcripts Are Sent to Colleges Before the Holidays</p>
January	<p>Financial Aid Forms Should be Sent Out (as soon after January 1 as possible)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)◆ College's own financial aid form
February/March	<p>Keep in Contact with the Colleges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ If you have made a decision, make sure all schools know about that decision.◆ Send in tuition deposit (program enrollment may be limited).
April	<p>Final Decisions Should be Made—notify your 1st choice school by May 1. You must withdraw your application from all other schools by letter, e-mail or phone call.</p>
May	<p>Tie Up Loose Ends</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Financial Aid/Scholarships◆ Housing◆ Entrance requirements
June-August	<p>Register for Classes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Placement Tests (Math & Composition)