

Junior Year Timeline

Plan your path to success with this timeline checklist

Fall

- Review your high school courses and activities. Colleges look for challenging course work, strong grades, and extracurricular activities.
- PSAT/SAT/ACT Guidance presentation in English classes.
- Sign-up and take PSAT in October.
- Begin researching post high school plans: colleges, technical schools, workplace and military options. Browse college catalogs and guidebooks, and surf the Web for information. Career Cruising (www.careercruising.com) is a great resource for college & career exploration
- Plan to attend college fairs and parents' nights in your area.
- Attend Financial Aid Night.
- Research Advanced Placement (AP) or college courses you might take.

WINTER

- PSAT score reports distributed by Guidance.
- Re-take any needed Regents exams to fulfill graduation or diploma requirements or personal goals.
- Attend Career Day in January.
- Attend College Puzzle-College Admissions Workshop in March.
- Register for SAT , ACT and SAT II tests at sat.collegeboard.com/register, or www.actstudent.org. Look into taking an exam prep course to help you succeed.
- Investigate private scholarships and other aid programs. Check with the Guidance Office, your parents' employers, local membership organizations, or programs related to your intended course of study.

SPRING

- College-bound juniors take SAT, ACT and SAT II tests (if required.)
- Attend Evening College Fair at CGCC and/or HVCC.
- April vacation is an excellent time to visit colleges of interest—visits should continue as needed through summer and early fall.
- Junior Annual Review meeting with counselor— students should select courses at an appropriately challenging level and that are aligned with post high school plans and possible college majors.
- Re-take any Regents exams to fulfill graduation or diploma requirements or personal goals.
- Juniors should be prepared to return for their senior year with a more focused idea of their post-high school plans and colleges of interest.
- Reference college search sites such as:
 - www.collegeboard.com
 - www.suny.edu/student (SUNY colleges only)
 - www.princetonreview.com-collegereviewsite
 - www.petersons.com