

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	Determine the Type of College You are Looking For Collect Information About Colleges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• College Fairs• Guidance Office• Parents• Friends• Teachers• Internet College Searches Begin College Visits Begin Scholarship Search Register for College Exams <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SAT)• American College Testing Assessment (ACT) Work REALLY HARD; junior-year grades are extremely important for college admissions. Also, choose courses for your senior year to meet college entrance requirements.
April/May/June	Take SAT, ACT, AP exams
July/August	Visit College Campuses <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	Make Appointment with Counselor for Letter of Recommendation (if needed)
Sept.-Nov.	Fill Out College Applications (narrow choices to 3 to 5 schools) <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	Make Sure All Applications/Transcripts Are Sent to Colleges Before the Holidays
January	Financial Aid Forms Should be Sent Out (as soon after January 1 as possible) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)• College's own financial aid form
February/March	Keep in Contact with the Colleges <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	Final Decisions Should be Made—notify your 1st choice school by May 1. <i>You must withdraw your application from all other schools by letter, e-mail or phone call.</i>
May	Tie Up Loose Ends <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Financial Aid/Scholarships• Housing• Entrance requirements
June-August	Register for Classes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Placement Tests (Math & Composition)• Schedules• Orientation

